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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]  
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6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR PRO TEM:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF  
7   YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO TAKE YOUR SEATS, WE'RE GOING TO  
8   CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. THIS IS THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
9   MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
10   TUESDAY, JANUARY 26TH. AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US  
11   THIS MORNING TO LEAD US IN THE INVOCATION, THE REVEREND FRANK  
12   WULF. SENIOR PASTOR OF UNITED UNIVERSITY CHURCH HERE IN LOS  
13   ANGELES AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND HE WILL BE  
14   FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY NARCISO RODRIGUEZ,  
15   FORMER SPECIALIST, UNITED STATES ARMY, AT THE INVITATION OF  
16   THE FIRST DISTRICT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU'D BE KIND  
17   ENOUGH, PLEASE RISE FOR THE MORNING'S INVOCATION.  
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19   **REV. FRANK WULF:** PLEASE, LET US BE IN A SPIRIT OF PRAYER. MAY  
20   THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM REST UPON THOSE WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE  
21   THIS MORNING. MAY THE WORDS THAT ARE SPOKEN TODAY BE WORDS OF  
22   TRUTH. MAY THE DREAMS THAT ARE UTTERED TODAY BE DREAMS OF  
23   HOPE. MAY THE DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE TODAY BE DECISIONS THAT  
24   BENEFIT ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
25   ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE AND MOST WEAK. MAY

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1 THE SPIRIT OF JUSTICE INSPIRE OUR DELIBERATIONS. MAY WE BREAK  
2 FREE FROM OUR SELF-IMPOSED PRISONS OF SELFISHNESS AND GREED SO  
3 THAT TOGETHER WE MIGHT CONTINUE TO ENVISION AND WORK FOR A  
4 RENEWED COMMUNITY WHERE PROSPERITY IS SHARED, WHERE EVERYONE  
5 FEELS SAFE, AND WHERE ALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES THAT  
6 ARE NECESSARY FOR MEETING THEIR MOST BASIC NEEDS: FOR SHELTER,  
7 NUTRITION, CLEAN WATER, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND  
8 EDUCATION. MAY THE SPIRIT OF COMPASSION GUIDE OUR COMMUNAL  
9 INTERACTIONS SO THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMANITY OF  
10 ALL, NOT JUST OF THOSE WHO ARE IN THIS ROOM, BUT OF ALL WHO  
11 LIVE, WORK, STUDY AND PLAY WITHIN THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
12 MAY WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THOSE WHO LIVE TENUOUS EXISTENCES ON  
13 THE MARGINS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, THE DESPERATE, THE FRIGHTENED,  
14 THE POWERLESS, THE POOR, THE OUTCAST AND THE ABUSED. MAY WE DO  
15 THE HARD WORK THAT IS REQUIRED TO BRING WHOLENESS AND HOPE TO  
16 THEM AND TO ALL. AND MAY OUR ELECTED SUPERVISORS BE COURAGEOUS  
17 IN THEIR ZEAL FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST. MAY THEY BE  
18 TENACIOUS IN THEIR COMMITMENT TO BUILD A MORE FAIR AND  
19 WHOLESOME SOCIETY. MAY THEY BE FAITHFUL TO SERVE THE WELL  
20 BEING OF THE DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE UP  
21 THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND MAY THEY BE WISE TO KNOW THE  
22 TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF REAL COMPASSION AND TRUE LOVE. AMEN.  
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1   **NARCISO RODRIGUEZ:** REMAIN STANDING, FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR  
2   HAND OVER THE HEART, AND VETERANS YOU CAN DO A HAND SALUTE.  
3   [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE INVOCATION  
6   THIS MORNING LED BY REVEREND FRANK WULF. HE'S THE SENIOR  
7   PASTOR OF THE UNITED UNIVERSITY CHURCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
8   SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AS WE INDICATED. HE'S SERVED THERE SINCE  
9   THE YEAR 2005, A FULL DECADE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THE UNITED  
10   UNIVERSITY CHURCH, UNITED CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST  
11   CHURCH AND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IS LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS  
12   OF THE U.S.C. REVEREND WULF GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE WITH A  
13   BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS AND LITERATURE FROM THE  
14   UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, HAS A THEOLOGICAL DEGREE  
15   THAT IS A MASTER'S OF DIVINITY FROM THE FULLER THEOLOGICAL  
16   SEMINARY IN PASADENA. HE WAS ORDAINED AS A UNITED METHODIST  
17   DEACON IN THE YEAR 1979 AND AS AN ELDER IN THE YEAR OF 1984,  
18   AND HAS SERVED CONGREGATIONS ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF  
19   THIS NATION, MINISTRIES IN NEW YORK, ALL THE WAY TO SOUTHERN.  
20   CALIFORNIA. PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT AT U.S.C, HE SERVED AS THE  
21   WESLEY FOUNDATION DIRECTOR AND WAS UNITED METHODIST CHAPLAIN  
22   FOR U.C.L.A. HE IS INDEED ECUMENICAL. WHERE HE ALSO SERVED AS  
23   PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE. HE IS THE  
24   CONVENER OF THE WESTERN METHODIST JUSTICE MOVEMENT, WHICH  
25   FOCUSES ON AND ADVOCATES FOR A BROAD RANGE OF JUSTICE ISSUES.

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1 THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, REVEREND WULF HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE  
2 METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION AND THE RECONCILING  
3 MINISTRIES NETWORK. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE  
4 FOR CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND HAS BEEN  
5 INVOLVED IN THE WORK OF THE STOP MASS INCARCERATION NETWORK.  
6 ACCOMPANYING HIM HERE THIS MORNING IS HIS SIGNIFICANT OTHER,  
7 THE REVEREND NESTOR GRANTE, A PASTOR AT GRACE UNITED METHODIST  
8 CHURCH IN LONG BEACH. WE WISH TO THANK YOU, PASTOR WULF, FOR  
9 LEADING US IN THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION AND WE EXTEND TO YOU  
10 GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE.] NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF THE  
11 BOARD, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR PLEDGE VETERAN,  
12 THE ONE AND ONLY NARCISO RODRIGUEZ. WE THANK HIM FOR GUIDING  
13 US THROUGH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. HE WAS BORN  
14 AND RAISED IN LAREDO, TEXAS. HE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES  
15 ARMY WHILE ATTENDING MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL IN HIS SENIOR YEAR. HE  
16 HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PAST 18  
17 YEARS AND CURRENTLY RESIDES IN HIGHLAND PARK. MR. RODRIGUEZ  
18 ALSO ATTENDS EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND IS  
19 MAJORING IN PHOTOGRAPHY, WHICH IS HIS PASSION AS WELL AS HIS  
20 HOBBY. HE IS A PROUD FATHER OF TWO SONS, CHRISTOPHER AND  
21 NARCISO. AND MR. RODRIGUEZ IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO HIS  
22 COMMUNITY AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF TEAM RED, WHITE AND BLUE  
23 WHICH IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT ENRICHES THE LIVES OF  
24 VETERANS BY CONNECTING THEM TO THEIR COMMUNITY THROUGH  
25 PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITY. ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIR,

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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS, I WISH TO THANK YOU, MR. RODRIGUEZ, FOR LEADING  
3 US IN THIS MORNING'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND WE ALSO WISH TO  
4 EXTEND TO YOU OUR THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION.  
5 [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS BEFORE  
6 US. I'M NOW GOING TO CALL FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO READ  
7 THE AGENDA AND ESTABLISH OUR WAY OF PROCEEDING FROM THIS POINT  
8 FORWARD.

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10 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR  
11 PRO TEM AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON  
12 PAGE 3. ON ITEM R-1, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
13 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 2, 2016. ON ITEM R-2, THE  
14 INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
15 CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 23, 2016. AND ON ITEM R-3, SUPERVISOR  
16 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
17 FEBRUARY 2, 2016.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO ORDERED.

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21 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 4, PUBLIC  
22 HEARING, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5, WE WILL HOLD THESE FOR PUBLIC  
23 HEARING. ON PAGE 6, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 6 THROUGH  
24 NUMBER 10, ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS INCLUDES THE ADDITION AS POSED  
25 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE



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1 PUBLIC WISHES TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 7, SUPERVISOR  
2 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
3 FEBRUARY 2, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS  
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 2, 2016. THE  
5 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THOSE ITEMS ARE  
8 BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS.  
9 IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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11 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 9, CONSENT  
12 CALENDAR, ITEMS 11 THROUGH 15. ON ITEM NO. 11, A MEMBER OF THE  
13 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 12,  
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST  
15 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 13, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 14, THE INTERIM  
17 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
18 ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 2, 2016. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
19 CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANKS VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
22 MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,  
23 PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1    **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 12,  
2    MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE  
3    THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE  
4    SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 16-A, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A  
5    MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
6    16-B, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
7    ON PAGE 15, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM C.S.-4, A  
8    MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THAT  
9    COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
10   SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5. THANK  
11   YOU.

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13   **SUP. KNABE:** (OFF MIC. COMMENT).

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15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANKS VERY MUCH. THE FIRST  
16   PERSON TO BE RECOGNIZED. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE DODGERS ARE  
17   IN THE HOUSE. GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO DAVE ROBERTS.  
18   [APPLAUSE.] WE BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING HIM FOR QUITE A NUMBER  
19   OF THINGS. BUT TODAY, WE CONGRATULATE DAVE ROBERTS ON BECOMING  
20   THE MANAGER FOR THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS BASEBALL TEAM. A  
21   NATIVE OF OKINAWA, JAPAN, DAVE ROBERTS ATTENDED BUENA VISTA  
22   HIGH IN VISTA, CALIFORNIA AND PLAYED LEFT FIELD FOR U.C.L.A.  
23   GRADUATING IN 1995. HE WENT ON TO PLAY MAJOR LEAGUES FOR  
24   NEARLY 10 SEASONS. HE PLAYED FOR FIVE DIFFERENT MAJOR LEAGUE  
25   TEAMS, ONE OF THEM BEING THE DODGERS BETWEEN THE YEARS 2002

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1 AND 2004. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE RED SOX TEAM WHICH ONE THE  
2 2004 WORLD SERIES, PLAYING A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE RUN TOWARDS  
3 THAT TITLE. AND FROM 2002-2007, HE RANKED FOURTH AMONG ALL  
4 MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS IN STOLEN BASES, HAVING STOLEN A GRAND  
5 TOTAL OF 226. HE OUGHT TO GET A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THAT  
6 ALL BY ITSELF. [APPLAUSE.] HE BEGAN HIS COACHING CAREER IN THE  
7 YEAR 2010 AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO BASEBALL OPERATIONS FOR  
8 THE SAN DIEGO PADRES. IN 2010, THEN HE ROSE TO BECOME THE  
9 BENCH COACH FOR THE PADRES IN 2013. DAVE IS NOW THE 10TH  
10 MANAGER OF THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS, MAKING HISTORY, HOWEVER,  
11 AS THE FIRST MINORITY MANAGER FOR THAT CLUB. I THINK THAT  
12 DESERVES ACKNOWLEDGMENT. PROGRESS CONTINUES TO BE MADE.  
13 [APPLAUSE.] AND WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
14 IS READY FOR FREDDIE. WE GOT YOU. STAND UP AND TAKE A BOW.  
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PITCH THAT BALL RIGHT THERE. SO HE JOINS AN  
16 ORGANIZATION THAT HAS NO SHORTAGE OF OUTSTANDING HISTORY  
17 MAKERS, AMONG THEM, THE ONE AND ONLY JACKIE ROBINSON. AND THE  
18 NATION WILL BE FOREVER INDEBTED TO HIM AS WELL AS SPORTS. IT  
19 MAKES THE POINT THAT SPORTS MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN MOVING  
20 PEOPLE TOGETHER AND CELEBRATING A COMMON CAUSE, SOMETHING FOR  
21 WHICH TO ROOT. HE RETURNS TO THE CITY WHERE HE SPENT TIME AS A  
22 COLLEGE PLAYER AND AS A PROFESSIONAL PLAYER. YOU HAVE THE  
23 SUPPORT OF THE PLAYERS AND THE FANS, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT.  
24 I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T MENTION THAT THE CHAIR IS VERY  
25 APPRECIATIVE OF THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS' FOUNDATION'S EFFORTS

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1 TO REBUILD BASEBALL, IN PARTICULAR AT BELVEDERE PARK. OUR  
2 DISTRICT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE IMMENSE BENEFITS THE FIELD  
3 WILL PROVIDE. THE DODGERS FOUNDATION, THEY DO A LOT OF GOOD  
4 WORK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS, NO DOUBT, CAN COUNT THE EXAMPLES OF THOSE DREAM  
6 FIELDS, INCLUDING ATHENS, LENNOX, THE JESSE OWENS COMMUNITY  
7 RECREATIONAL PARK, ROY CAMPANELLA, A NAME THAT YOU RECOGNIZE,  
8 FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT PARK AS WELL AS MARY BETHUNE, MONA AND  
9 WATKINS REGIONAL PARK. ALL OF THESE PARKS AND MORE HAVE BEEN  
10 BENEFITED BY THIS EXTRAORDINARY FOUNDATION. THE RENOVATIONS  
11 ARE PRICELESS TO THE YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES AS IT PROVIDES  
12 AN OUTLET FOR HEALTHY ACTIVITIES AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY  
13 TIME AND BUILDING CHARACTER AS WELL AS STRONG WORK ETHICS.  
14 WE'RE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU HERE. AND DESIRE THE BEST WISHES FOR  
15 YOU AND THE SUCCESS THAT YOU WILL NO DOUBT BRING THAT TEAM AND  
16 THIS CITY AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS AND STELLAR  
17 CAREER. AND SO IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD  
18 OF SUPERVISORS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE ONE AND  
19 ONLY DAVE ROBERTS ON BECOMING MANAGER OF THE LOS ANGELES  
20 DODGERS. A BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR DAVE. [APPLAUSE.]  
21 DAVE HAS A WORD AND THEN WE'LL TAKE A PHOTO WITH THE WHOLE  
22 BOARD. THANK YOU.

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24 **DAVE ROBERTS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
25 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE. AND

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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS ABSENT UP NORTH DOING WHAT SHE DOES BEST  
2 AND MAKING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES A BETTER PLACE. AND FOR  
3 ME TO BE IN YOUR COMPANY, IT'S A SPECIAL HONOR. AND THE COUNTY  
4 OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT YOU GUYS DO FOR THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS  
5 AND THE SUPPORT, IT DOESN'T GO UNNOTICED. AND I THINK SEEING  
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HERE AND JUST KIND OF SEEING THE  
7 ENERGY AND THE EXCITEMENT WHEN YOU START TALKING ABOUT  
8 BASEBALL. IT'S SOMETHING THAT I'VE BEEN IN BASEBALL FOR SO  
9 MANY YEARS, MY ENTIRE LIFE. AND THAT'S A THING THAT WE REALIZE  
10 THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT BRINGS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER. AND  
11 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS A BIG PART OF MY LIFE AND HAS  
12 IMPACTED MY LIFE AND THE IMPACT THAT YOU GUYS DO FOR THE  
13 ORGANIZATION AND JUST FOR ME AND SPEAKING TO THE ORGANIZATION,  
14 FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND THE PLAYERS IS THAT THIS IS GOING TO  
15 BE A GROUP OF MEN THAT ARE GOING TO COMPETE EVERY NIGHT. YOU  
16 KNOW, MY GOAL IS FOR A GROUP OF MEN AND THE DODGERS, FOR  
17 SOMEBODY THAT AS A TEAM THAT YOU GUYS REALLY FEEL PROUD TO  
18 ROOT FOR AND SUPPORT. AND I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT  
19 WE CAN DO TO RECIPROCATE AND SHOW OUR GRATITUDE FOR ALL THAT  
20 YOU GUYS DO FOR OUR COUNTY. SO BEING THE FIRST MINORITY  
21 MANAGER OF THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS IS A HUGE HONOR. AND YOU  
22 LOOK BACK AT JACKIE ROBINSON, DON NEWCOMBE AND MAURY WILLS. SO  
23 FOR ME BEING FROM A BIRACIAL FAMILY, I UNDERSTAND THE  
24 DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND IT MEANS A LOT.  
25 OUR FAN BASE IS SO SUPPORTIVE. I FEEL THAT WE HAVE THE BEST

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1 FANS IN THE COUNTRY. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR  
2 SUPPORT AND IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ONE MORE TIME FOR DAVE ROBERTS AND THE LOS  
5 ANGELES DODGERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE.] NOW ANOTHER  
6 CHAMPION WHO DISTINGUISHES LOS ANGELES, I'D LIKE TO INVITE TO  
7 THE PODIUM, MIKE ALVAREZ, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TANYA  
8 BOYKIN THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, MONIQUE DAVIS, THE CHIEF  
9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND JOANNE COHEN, DIRECTOR OF ASSET  
10 MANAGEMENT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THEY REPRESENT SKID ROW  
11 HOUSING TRUST, AND WE OUGHT TO GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF  
12 APPLAUSE FOR BEING HERE AND THE WORK THEY DO. [APPLAUSE.]  
13 WE'RE GLAD TO INVITE THEM HERE. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE TRUST  
14 IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PROVIDERS OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
15 HOUSING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THEY MAINTAIN OVER 1800 UNITS  
16 AT 26 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, AND THEY DO IT WELL. OVER THEIR 25-  
17 YEAR HISTORY, THEY HAVE A LOT OF WHICH TO BE PROUD. THE LAST  
18 MONTH, THEY DID RECEIVE A VERY, VERY UNIQUE HONOR. EVERY YEAR,  
19 "TIME" MAGAZINE SELECTS ITS TOP 25 INVENTIONS. OF THE YEAR  
20 AND FOR THE YEAR 2015, THE TRUST'S VERY OWN STAR APARTMENT  
21 TOPPED THE LIST. THAT'S IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE OUGHT TO  
22 ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE. THE STAR APARTMENTS  
23 HAVE GOTTEN A BIG, BIG SHOUT OUT AND A LIKE. [APPLAUSE.] SO  
24 THE STAR APARTMENTS IS A FIRST OF ITS KIND ON SKID ROW AND  
25 REPRESENTS THE BEST OF WHAT THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS CAN



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1 ACCOMPLISH WHEN THEY WORK TOGETHER. AND OVER 100 DISABLED AND  
2 FORMERLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS CALL THE STAR APARTMENTS HOME.  
3 THERE THEY BENEFIT FROM ONSITE MEDICAL AND WELLNESS SERVICES  
4 PROVIDED THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR VERY OWN HOUSING FOR  
5 HEALTH PROGRAM, OF WHICH WE ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD. THIS  
6 DEVELOPMENT ALSO FEATURES A HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER  
7 COMPLETE WITH KITCHEN, ART ROOM AND MULTIPLE OUTDOOR SPACES.  
8 AND ALL OF THESE AMENITIES ARE TOPPED BY FOUR STORIES OF  
9 PREFABRICATED STUDIO HOMES. THE STARS APARTMENTS'  
10 DISTINGUISHED ARCHITECT, MICHAEL MALTZAN PUT IT BEST FOR  
11 "TIME" MAGAZINE WHEN HE SAID THE FOLLOWING, "FOR DECADES,  
12 HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS HAS TOO OFTEN MEANT TRANSIENT  
13 SHELTERS OR WAREHOUSE-LIKE ABODES. L.A. STAR APARTMENTS AIMS  
14 TO BUCK THAT TREND BY DESIGN. IT FUNCTIONS MORE LIKE A MINI  
15 VILLAGE THAN A SINGLE BUILDING. AND THE GOAL IS TO MAKE  
16 RESIDENTS FEEL LIKE THEY'RE PART OF A DYNAMIC AND INTIMATE  
17 COMMUNITY, A STRATEGY THAT CAN HELP PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE  
18 STRUGGLING WITH HOMELESSNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES. THEY  
19 WANT THEM TO RE-ESTABLISH STABILITY IN THEIR LIVES." WE  
20 APPLAUD MICHAEL AND HIS TEAM FOR THE BRILLIANT DESIGN AND THE  
21 SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST FOR REDEFINING HOW WE THINK ABOUT  
22 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, ENHANCING THE PIPELINE OF  
23 QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY OUR  
24 VULNERABLE WHO HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING ISSUES OF  
25 OUR TIME. IT IS A CLEAR PRIORITY FOR THIS BOARD. SO THE

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1 HOMELESS CRISIS THAT EXISTS IN L.A. COUNTY REQUIRES A BOLD NEW  
2 VISION, AND THE STAR APARTMENTS IS A DEFINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT  
3 WE CAN AND MUST DO. AND SO I WISH TO EXTEND ON BEHALF OF THE  
4 ENTIRE BOARD AGAIN AND AGAIN TO THE SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST, A  
5 HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE  
6 INNOVATIONS. YOUR IDEAS DISTINGUISH US. IT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT  
7 WE'RE THE LOCUS OF WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S NEXT. AND WE WANT TO  
8 GIVE A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE HOUSING TRUST AND TO ITS  
9 DISTINGUISHED LEADER, ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE ESTEEMED  
10 MICHAEL ALVAREZ AND GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.  
11 WELCOME TO THE MICROPHONE RIGHT NOW. WE CALL HIM BIG MIKE.  
12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **MIKE ALVAREZ:** THANK YOU, MR. SUPERVISOR, IT'S A TREMENDOUS  
15 HONOR FOR US TO BE HERE TODAY. WE HAVE NEW MANAGER DAVE  
16 ROBERTS AND COLUMNIST SANDY BANKS FROM THE L.A. TIMES ON THE  
17 OTHER END. WE'RE SORT OF IN THE MIDDLE, OF WHICH WE'RE VERY  
18 FORTUNATE. I WANT TO THANK THE KIND WORDS OF SUPERVISOR  
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE HOW WE ARE SO HONORED BY  
20 TIME MAGAZINE AS ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING  
21 PROJECTS IN THE NATION, BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO BE  
22 HONORED WITH OUR COLLEAGUES IN L.A. COUNTY WITH WHOM WE WORK  
23 EVERY DAY TO GET MORE FOLKS OFF THE STREET. WE ALL KNOW THAT  
24 HOMELESSNESS IS AN ISSUE THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. WE'RE VERY  
25 PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS WORK OVER 25

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1 YEARS, FINDING INNOVATIVE WAYS TO GET FOLKS OFF THE STREET  
2 INTO PERMANENT HOUSING WITH SUPPORT SERVICES THAT WILL HELP  
3 STABILIZE THEIR LIVES AND AT SAME TIME, REDUCE THOSE EXPENSIVE  
4 CRISIS COSTS FROM THE COUNTY EMERGENCY ROOM AND HOSPITAL AND  
5 OTHER CRISIS SERVICES. SO, ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE VERY APPRECIATIVE  
6 OF THE WORK THAT'S BEING ACKNOWLEDGED HERE TODAY. AND I HAVE  
7 TO TELL YOU THAT AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, THAT WE ARE  
8 ESPECIALLY PROUD BECAUSE THE STAR APARTMENTS IS THE HOME FOR  
9 HOUSING FOR HEALTH. IT'S A DIVISION OF THE L.A. COUNTY  
10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND THEY ARE GOING AT A  
11 TREMENDOUS PACE TO GET MORE FOLKS OFF THE STREET AND INTO  
12 STABILIZED HOUSING THAN HAS EVER HAPPENED BEFORE. SO  
13 TREMENDOUS INNOVATION HAPPENING RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD.  
14 PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO SEE EXACTLY HOW  
15 WE'RE DOING IT, AND SO WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO BE HONORED. AND I  
16 WANT TO MAKE ONE MORE FINAL POINT, AND THAT IS THAT STAR  
17 APARTMENTS WOULD NOT HAVE COME TO FRUITION HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR  
18 THE SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO WE WANT TO SAY A  
19 SPECIAL THANK YOU TO HIM, AS WELL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
22 BOARD, IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER. WHY DON'T YOU  
23 SHOW YOUR LOVE AND GIVE A BIG SHOUT OUT TO SANDY BANKS, THE  
24 DISTINGUISHED COLUMNIST FOR THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES."  
25 [APPLAUSE.] WE WELCOME HER. AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE TAKE THIS

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO BID HER A MORE PUBLIC FAREWELL ON BEHALF OF THE  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ON BEHALF OF LITERALLY LEGIONS OF  
3 LOYAL READERS AFTER 36 YEARS AT THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" AS A  
4 COLUMNIST, A REPORTER AN EDITOR AND A RECRUITER. I THINK THAT  
5 DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE ALL BY ITSELF. 36 YEARS OF  
6 ENDURANCE. [APPLAUSE.] FOR MANY, SHE WAS THE HEART AND SOUL OF  
7 LOS ANGELES, KNOWN FOR HER TWICE-WEEKLY PERSONAL COLUMNS WHICH  
8 FOCUSED ON PRIVATE LIVES, PUBLIC POLICY AND PEOPLE THAT OFTEN  
9 SPARKED PUBLIC DISCUSSION. SHE SHARED PERSONAL AND  
10 PROFESSIONAL LESSONS THAT INSPIRED, EDUCATED AND ENTERTAINED  
11 READERS FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES AND FORMED BONDS WITH  
12 READERS IN THE PROCESS. MS. BANKS TOOK US ON A LONG JOURNEY IN  
13 HER 900-WORD COLUMNS ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING  
14 HEALTH, EDUCATION, FOSTER CARE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, POLITICS AS  
15 WELL AS ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND IS BETTER  
16 FOR IT. SHE'S WIDELY RECOGNIZED FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY, AWARD-  
17 WINNING ARTICLES AND COMMENTARIES THAT EXPLORED AND SHAPED  
18 PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS AND INDEED INFLUENCED PRIVATE LIVES. AS A  
19 RESPECTED JOURNALIST, SHE WILL BE MISSED NOT ONLY BY HER  
20 COLLEAGUES BUT BY LEGIONS OF LOYAL READERS WHO LOOKED FORWARD  
21 TO HER INSIGHTFUL TAKE ON THE PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN THE  
22 COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES. SHE HAS THREE GROWN DAUGHTERS. SHE  
23 LIVES IN NORTHRIDGE AND LOVES ANYTHING THAT GETS AND KEEPS HER  
24 OUTDOORS. SHE'S AN OUTDOORS KIND OF PERSON. AND SHE IS THE ONE  
25 AND ONLY SANDY BANKS. WE CELEBRATE YOU TODAY, SANDY, WE

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1 COMMEND YOU. AND WE WILL INDEED MISS YOU. LADIES AND  
2 GENTLEMEN, SANDY BANKS. [APPLAUSE.] BEFORE THE PRESENTATION,  
3 LET'S HEAR FROM THE INIMITABLE SHEILA JAMES KUEHL.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** INIMITABLE, WELL, THAT'S A WORD I WOULD USE  
6 FOR SANDY BANKS. I, AS JUST ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO  
7 READ YOUR COLUMN EVERY TIME AND ALSO LISTENED, I WANT TO SAY  
8 IT MADE ME REALLY SAD TO HEAR THAT WE WEREN'T GOING TO BE  
9 READING YOUR COLUMNS. I UNDERSTAND THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF  
10 WORDS, STILL, HOPEFULLY. BUT THERE'S NO BETTER WAY, REALLY, TO  
11 CALL ATTENTION TO THE DEFICIENCIES AND THE SUCCESSES OF PUBLIC  
12 POLICY THAN THROUGH THE LIVES OF ONE OR TWO PEOPLE. SOMETIMES  
13 IT WAS PEOPLE TO WHOM YOU WERE RELATED, PEOPLE THAT YOU KNEW,  
14 PEOPLE WHO CAME TO TALK TO YOU. IT WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY BODY  
15 OF WORK. AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS THAT AND LOOK FORWARD TO  
16 WHATEVER'S NEXT. I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY BECAUSE  
17 EVERY MORNING THAT THERE WAS A SANDY BANKS COLUMN WAS A BETTER  
18 DAY FOR ME. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SANDY BANKS:** WHEN I TOLD MY DAUGHTERS ABOUT THIS, THEY WERE  
21 VERY PROUD. AND I SAID I WAS A LITTLE NERVOUS. AND THEY SAID  
22 DON'T WORRY. YOUR ONLY JOB IS NOT TO CRY. AND, SHEILA, YOU  
23 ALMOST BLEW THAT. SO THIS IS REALLY AN HONOR. IT'S AN HONOR TO  
24 RECEIVE THIS FROM THE BOARD AND IT'S AN HONOR TO BE STANDING  
25 IN THE SPOT WHERE THE MAN WHO IS GOING TO TAKE THE DODGERS TO

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1 THE WORLD SERIES STOOD. [APPLAUSE.] IT WAS A REALLY HARD  
2 DECISION TO LEAVE THE PAPER. I CONSIDERED IT. I CAME TO  
3 CONSIDER IT. IN THE BEGINNING WHEN I STARTED AS A YOUNG  
4 REPORTER, IT WAS JUST FUN. BUT I CAME TO SEE IT AS SERVICE AND  
5 AS A WAY TO EDUCATE MYSELF AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. AND I  
6 MISS IT. AND EVERY DAY I ASK MYSELF IF THAT WAS THE RIGHT  
7 THING. I MISS IT EVERY DAY EXCEPT MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS WHICH  
8 WERE DEADLINE DAYS. AND NOW I CAN LAY AROUND IN MY PAJAMAS  
9 INSTEAD OF SCRAMBLING TO GET SOMETHING IN THE PAPER. IT WAS A  
10 PRIVILEGE TO DO THE JOB. AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE CHANCE TO  
11 GET TO KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT A CITY THAT IS NOT MY BIRTH PLACE  
12 BUT IS MY HOME AND I WILL ALWAYS CONSIDER MY HOME. JUST TODAY  
13 AS I WAS READING OUR PAPER, THERE WERE THREE STORIES I WOULD  
14 HAVE WANTED TO WEIGH IN ON, SO I MISS THAT. BUT I DO-- I DON'T  
15 KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT YET BUT I DO THINK IT'S GOING TO BE SOME  
16 FORM OF SERVICE. IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT INVOLVES  
17 SHARING AND COMMUNICATING. AND I'M JUST CONVINCED THAT THERE  
18 IS SOMETHING, ANOTHER WAY FOR ME TO CONTINUE SERVING OUT  
19 THERE. AND I WANT TO JUST ALSO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS--  
20 - I REALIZE I NEVER LIT INTO THE COUNTY IN WAYS THAT I DID THE  
21 CITY OR OTHER PLACES AND IN PART BECAUSE TWO OF MY-- THE  
22 ISSUES THAT ARE CLOSEST TO MY HEART, AND THAT'S FOSTER CARE  
23 AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE-- THE COUNTY MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS ON  
24 IN THE LAST FEW YEARS IN DEALING WITH ISSUES IN THE FOSTER  
25 CARE, WE'RE STILL STRUGGLING, AND IN REMEDYING SOME OF THE



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1 PROBLEMS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT  
2 AND I'M REALLY PLEASED TO BE HERE AND TO GET THIS. AND I ALSO  
3 I SEE MY BUDDY JILL SAPEL, I SAW A WHILE AGO, WHO CONVINCES ME  
4 THAT THERE IS LIFE AFTER THE L.A. TIMES SO MAYBE I'LL BE  
5 AROUND HERE IN SOME OTHER WAYS. SO THANK YOU GUYS VERY MUCH.  
6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE 10 MILLION  
9 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SANDY, THAT WE EXTEND  
10 THIS TO YOU AND SAY TO YOU THAT WE THINK VERY HIGHLY OF YOU  
11 AND APPRECIATE YOU AND KNOW THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENGAGE  
12 WITH YOU. SO WE EXTEND THIS FIVE-SIGNATURE SCROLL OUT OF  
13 RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR THAT WHICH YOU HAVE DONE, THAT FOR  
14 WHICH YOU ARE DOING RIGHT NOW AND THOSE THINGS THAT YOU WILL  
15 DO YET INTO THE FUTURE. SANDY BANKS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.  
16 [APPLAUSE.] CHAIR RECOGNIZES SUPERVISOR KNABE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
19 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP JEFF PERRY WHO IS  
20 THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION,  
21 JOHN WICKER, OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION,  
22 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN GOLF TEAM. PLUS I WILL ASK THE  
23 GENERAL MANAGER, BRETT KIMORA OF DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE AND  
24 HIS TEAM TO JOIN US, AS WELL, TOO. TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING  
25 THAT THE DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE HAS BEEN NAMED THE 2015

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1 COUNTY GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THE PAST  
2 FIVE YEARS. THE AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION HAS OPERATED DIAMOND  
3 BAR SINCE JANUARY OF 2000 AND HAS AVERAGED MORE THAN 93,000  
4 ROUNDS OF GOLF PER YEAR DURING THAT TIME. DIAMOND BAR PROVIDES  
5 MANY SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY FOR GOLFERS BUT  
6 INCLUDING HOSTING TOURNAMENTS FOR CHARITY, ACTING AS A HOME  
7 COURSE FOR MANY AREA HIGH SCHOOLS, ALSO OFFERING ONE OF THE  
8 FINEST PRO SHOPS IN THE COUNTY'S SYSTEM AS WELL AS MANY EVENTS  
9 FROM WEDDINGS AND RECEPTIONS AND FUNDRAISING SPECIAL EVENTS  
10 FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT AND  
11 STAFF HAVE DISPLAYED EXCELLENT AND CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE AND  
12 GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT NOT  
13 ONLY THE 2015 YEAR BUT SINCE 2000 AND HAS ACHIEVED THE  
14 DESIGNATION AGAIN AS GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR. SO ON BEHALF OF  
15 MY COLLEAGUES AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, WE'D LIKE TO  
16 PRESENT A PLAQUE. SOMEBODY HAND ME THAT PLAQUE OVER THERE. ALL  
17 RIGHT. THEN ALSO WE HAVE A SCROLL, AS WELL, TO THE GENERAL  
18 MANAGER. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO DIAMOND BAR. [APPLAUSE.] JOHN,  
19 WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS, TOO?

20

21 **JOHN WICKER:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. AND THANK YOU,  
22 SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE OUR GOLF  
23 COURSE OF THE YEAR. AND FIRST I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL  
24 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE TEAM. GREAT JOB  
25 TWO TIMES IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. YOU GUYS ARE DOING GREAT.

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1 YOU KNOW, THIS COURSE HAS GREAT VIEWS OF THE SAN GABRIEL  
2 MOUNTAINS UP THERE. IT'S ALSO ONE OF THE COURSES THAT I GET  
3 THE CHANCE TO GOLF ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND, YOU KNOW, NOT ONLY  
4 DOES THE COURSE LOOK GOOD BUT IT'S VERY CHALLENGING. IT'S THE  
5 SECOND LONGEST COURSE IN OUR GOLF COURSE SYSTEM. AND YOU GUYS  
6 NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT HOLE NO. 9, THOUGH, I HAVE A  
7 TOUGH TIME SHOOTING OVER THAT LAKE AND UP THE HILL THERE. NOT  
8 SURE ABOUT THAT. BUT OVERALL THE COURSE LOOKS GREAT. I'D ALSO  
9 LIKE TO POINT OUT THEY REALLY HAVE A GREAT FOOD AND BEVERAGE  
10 OPERATION THERE. IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO GO FOR BANQUETS, FOR  
11 WEDDINGS, FOR THINGS LIKE THAT AND IF YOU CHECK OUT YELP,  
12 YOU'LL SEE PEOPLE HAVE ACTUALLY POSTED PICTURES OF SOME OF THE  
13 MEALS AND STUFF OUT THERE. THEY'RE DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB. SO  
14 ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO TO OUR DIAMOND BAR GOLF COURSE  
15 TEAM. GREAT JOB. AND I'D LIKE TO PRESENT THEM WITH OUR GOLF  
16 COURSE OF THE YEAR PLAQUE, AS WELL.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME  
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THE CODE OF CONDUCT, PLEASE.

20

21 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE  
22 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE  
23 THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT  
24 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE  
25 NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE

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1 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC  
2 OR THE ABILITY OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE  
3 BOARD. THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE DURING  
4 TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE  
5 FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN  
6 THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST  
7 RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC  
8 COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
9 BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN  
10 A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN  
11 RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING OR  
12 DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY,  
13 DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY  
14 MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF OR ANY OTHER PERSONS. MEMBERS OF THE  
15 AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE  
16 SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER,  
17 WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE  
18 MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE  
19 MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. IF  
20 YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
21 THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN  
22 THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER  
23 COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU.

24

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE NOW  
2    AT THE POINT TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF  
3    PUBLIC COMMENT. AND WE NOTE THAT ERIC PREVEN WISHES TO BE  
4    HEARD ON ITEM 6, 13 AND 16-B. AND ARNOLD SACHS WISHES TO BE  
5    HEARD ON C.S.-4 AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. IF THE TWO OF YOU  
6    WOULD COME FORWARD, THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. MR. PREVEN,  
7    PLEASE? MR. PREVEN? MR. SACHS? 6, 13, 16-B.

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9    **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND I  
10   WOULD LIKE TO SAY YOU THAT WAS A VERY PLEASANT SET OF  
11   PRESENTATIONS. VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE DODGERS, SANDY BANKS AND  
12   IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE AMERICAN GOLF BEING CONGRATULATED BY  
13   SUPERVISOR KNABE. ITEM NUMBER 6 IS BETSY BUTLER, THE OLD  
14   FRIEND OF MANY, IS BEING ADDED TO THE PROBATION COMMISSION,  
15   WHICH IS CONNECTED TO ITEM 9, I THINK, WHICH IS A BIG  
16   PROBATION LOOK-SEE BECAUSE OF THE DEVASTATING PROBLEMS WE'VE  
17   BEEN HAVING THERE. SHE'S OBVIOUSLY A CLOSE COLLEAGUE, SO WE'LL  
18   PROBABLY DO AS PREDICTED. WILLIAM KOREK IS STEPPING ON TO THE  
19   PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME. IN  
20   FACT, WE'RE GOING TO BE WAIVING THE LIMITATION OF LENGTH OF  
21   SERVICE REQUIREMENTS UNDER COUNTY CODE SECTION 3.46030 B. I'M  
22   AGAINST THAT KIND OF THING. NOT JUST WITH MR. KOREK, WHO I'M  
23   SURE IS A GOOD CHAP, BUT BECAUSE WE NEED FRESH EYES ON SOME OF  
24   THESE DIVISIONS. THERE'S GAIL FARBER, CHATTING WITH MARK  
25   RIDLEY-THOMAS. GOOD MORNING, MA'AM, HOW ARE YOU? SO ITEM

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1 NUMBER, I THINK YOU SAID 6, 13. 13 IS A GAIL FARBER ITEM,  
2 ACTUALLY. THIS IS ONE WHERE WE'VE GOT A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
3 PROGRAM. AND I WANTED TO BRING IT TO ATTENTION OF SUPERVISOR  
4 SOLIS WHO IS IN SACRAMENTO TODAY, ADVOCATING FOR EXIDE, THANK  
5 YOU FOR THAT. WORRIED ABOUT WHY PORTER RANCH IS GETTING ALL  
6 THE ATTENTION AND EXIDE HAS BEEN IN AGONY FOR DECADES. GOOD  
7 QUESTION, AND SHE'S SEEKING FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, SO  
8 I APPRECIATE THAT. AND THE PUBLIC, OBVIOUSLY. MOSTLY THE  
9 PUBLIC THERE. BUT THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OR PLAN IS  
10 SOMETHING THAT WE CLIP INTO CERTAIN DEALS AND REQUIRE THAT THE  
11 COUNTY HIRE YOUNG PEOPLE, WHICH IS GREAT. UNFORTUNATELY,  
12 THERE'S NO REFERENCES TO HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE. AND IT IS  
13 UNFORTUNATELY ALWAYS SORT OF LIKE ABOUT A THOUSAND BUCKS ON A  
14 BIG MULTI HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR PROJECT, WHICH ALWAYS BUMS  
15 ME OUT BECAUSE MORE MONEY GOES, AND IN THIS CASE, I THINK IT  
16 IS A JOB ORDER CONTRACT, TO THE JOB ORDER CONTRACT COMPANY OF  
17 GORDIAN GROUP WHO TAKE 2 POINT SOMETHING PERCENT, WHICH IS  
18 MADDENING TO AN ORDINARY RESIDENT BECAUSE IT'S AN OUT-OF-  
19 STATE FIRM THAT IS RUNNING A PROGRAM THAT WE COULD RUN  
20 OURSELVES LIKE OTHER JURISDICTIONS DO. ITEM 16-B IS, THE GREAT  
21 SUPERVISOR KNABE IS REACHING OUT TO BE-- STAND AMONG THE  
22 100,000 COMMISSION. THESE ARE FOLKS THAT ARE BRINGING  
23 ATTENTION TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND JOBS, WHICH I THINK IS A VERY  
24 GOOD AREA. I AM A TEENY BIT WORRIED THAT SOME OF THE  
25 PARTICIPANTS OR SOME OF THAT GROUP WHO ALSO ADVOCATE FOR



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1   KEEPING THOSE JOBS AT A LOW RATE BECAUSE THEY'RE ENTRY LEVEL  
2   JOBS, WHICH WE OF COURSE UNDERSTAND, BUT THAT LOW ENTRY LEVEL  
3   RATE SHOULD AT LEAST BE \$15 AN HOUR. AS LONG AS ALL THOSE  
4   GROUPS ARE DOING, I'M SUPPORTIVE. I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE.  
5   SOME OF THEM ARE WALMART. THESE ARE BIG EMPLOYERS. SOME OF  
6   THEM ARE TACO BELL, WHO I THINK HAVE 60 PERCENT OF THEIR  
7   WORKFORCE IS IN THE CATEGORY OF ENTRY LEVEL. SO THAT'S  
8   INTERESTING.

9

10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

11

12   **ERIC PREVEN:** I WILL COME BACK FOR THE HEARING ITEMS.

13

14   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

15

16   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS.

17   BECAUSE SO MANY ITEMS WERE CONTINUED I JUST REALLY HELD THIS

18   ONE ITEM. GIVE ME A CHANCE TO DISCUSS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE

19   LABOR NEGOTIATIONS. WHAT CATCHES MY EYE IN THIS ITEM IS YOUR

20   LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF

21   PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS AND OF

22   ITSELF THE SHERIFFS. BUT I DON'T SEE A CONFERENCE WITH LABOR

23   NEGOTIATORS, AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE SACHI HAMAI,

24   CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DESIGNATED STAFF. NOBODY FROM THE

25   SHERIFF. NOBODY FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS NEGOTIATING WITH

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1 THE SHERIFFS. SO HOW DOES HE GET REFORMS THROUGH THE THIRD  
2 PARTY? DOES HE HAVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SACHI AND PRESENT THE  
3 THINGS THAT HE NEEDS WITH SACHI AND PRESENT THE THINGS TO YOU  
4 THAT HE NEEDS FROM THE SHERIFFS? BECAUSE WE HAVE ALL THESE  
5 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND RE-OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND  
6 UNDERSIGHT COMMITTEES AND ONSITE COMMITTEES, OFF-SITE  
7 COMMITTEES, IN-HOUSE REPRESENTATION, OUTHOUSE REPRESENTATION,  
8 BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE SHERIFF NEGOTIATING WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
9 OFFICERS, THE MEN THAT HE OVERSEES. DON'T YOU THINK-- DOESN'T  
10 IT MAKE SENSE THAT HE WOULD BE INVOLVED WITH THE PEOPLE THAT  
11 HE DIRECTLY HAS AUTHORITY OVER? BECAUSE IF YOU SET THE TERMS  
12 FOR WHAT HE CAN AND CAN'T DO, THEN HE'S NOT INVOLVED. AND YOU  
13 HAVE FULL CONTROL OVER THAT. SO ALL THESE LAYERS OF AUTHORITY  
14 AND OVERSIGHT REALLY MEAN NOTHING BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONES  
15 SETTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. DAVE ROBERTS DOESN'T  
16 NEGOTIATE THE CONTRACTS FOR THE PLAYERS THE MANAGEMENT SIGNS.  
17 HE HAS TO PLAY THEM. REMEMBER MANNY BEING MANNY, THEY HAD TO  
18 PAY HIM. THEY HAD TO PAY HIM \$10 MILLION A YEAR TO BE A  
19 KNUCKLEHEAD BECAUSE THE MANAGEMENT NEGOTIATED WITH HIM. AND  
20 WHOEVER WAS THE MANAGER AT THE TIME HAD TO PLAY HIM. SO IT'S  
21 THE SAME KIND OF SITUATION. YOU'VE SET THE TERMS AND  
22 RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THEY NEED TO ADHERE TO, AND THE SHERIFF  
23 DOESN'T HAVE ANY INPUT IN THAT. HOW CAN THAT BE? THERE'S  
24 18,000 SHERIFFS IN THE COUNTY, AND HE HAS NO INPUT IN WHAT CAN  
25 AND CAN BE DONE AS FAR AS THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS ARE

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1 INVOLVED. THAT ABSOLUTELY MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL. OH, WAIT,  
2 MAKES SENSE BECAUSE THIS IS L.A. COUNTY. AND WHAT WE SAY GOES.  
3 AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, SO WHAT? THERE'S WHERE THE CHANGE  
4 NEEDS TO BE MADE. WHO'S DOING THE NEGOTIATION, WHO'S SETTING  
5 THE TERMS AND WHO'S DELIVERING THE PRODUCT AND WHO HAS TO WORK  
6 WITH IT? IT'S OVER AND OVER WASH, RINSE REPEAT, WASH, RINSE  
7 REPEAT.

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9 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM 6, 13, 16-B ARE  
10 BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HEARING NO FURTHER  
13 DISCUSSION ON THOSE ITEMS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES AND  
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. IF NO OBJECTION, PLEASE RECORD A  
15 UNANIMOUS VOTE. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

16

17 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN  
18 TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT  
19 HAND TO BE SWORN IN? THIS IS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS. IN THE  
20 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THE BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR  
21 TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH  
22 SO HELP YOU GOD? ITEM NUMBER 1, THIS IS A HEARING TO AUTHORIZE  
23 THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ACCEPT THE STATE OF  
24 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED CONTINUITY  
25 OF OPERATIONS PLAN WHICH CONTAINS MEASURES TO ENSURE THE

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1 DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO RESUME OR MAINTAIN DELIVERY OF MENTAL  
2 HEALTH SERVICES DURING AND AFTER A DISASTER EVENT. NO  
3 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM AND NO  
4 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. BUT WE DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE  
5 PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE RECOGNIZE THE  
8 FOLLOWING PERSONS: DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, VEE KOUSAYAN, AND  
9 ARNOLD SACHS IN THAT ORDER, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. THIS IS  
10 ITEM NUMBER 1 WE WISH TO RECOGNIZE YOUR REMARKS. HI THERE.  
11 YOUR NAME?

12

13 **VEE KOUSAYAN:** MY NAME'S VEE, VOSGY KOUSAYAN.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY. PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
16 HEARD.

17

18 **VEE KOUSAYAN:** OKAY. I THINK L.A. COUNTY SPENDS TOO MUCH MONEY  
19 ON MENTAL HEALTH THAT ISN'T NEEDED. I JUST GOT OUT OF LYNWOOD  
20 JAIL AFTER FOUR MONTHS. I WAS WALKING MY DOG WITHOUT A LEASH  
21 AND I GOT PICKED UP BY BURBANK P.D., AND I WAS STUCK IN A CELL  
22 FOR FOUR MONTHS. I WAS PUT IN THE MENTAL HEALTH SECTION. SO I  
23 WAS STUCK LIKE A GATEWAY PROGRAM WHEN I OWN TWO PROPERTIES IN  
24 L.A. COUNTY. SO WHILE I WAS STUCK FOR FOUR MONTHS, YOU GUYS  
25 ARE SENDING ME MY TAX BILLS. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PAY? DO YOU

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1 KNOW WHAT I MEAN? SO I GOT-- FOR FOUR MONTHS I GOT TO OBSERVE  
2 A LOT. THERE'S A LOT OF WOMEN IN THERE WEARING THE YELLOWS  
3 THAT SHOULDN'T BE IN THERE. YOU KNOW, YOU GUYS SEND PEOPLE TO  
4 THIS WHOLE DEPARTMENT 95. I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE KNOW WHAT  
5 DEPARTMENT 95 IS. IT'S A COURTHOUSE WHERE YOU GUYS SEND AND  
6 YOU GUYS FIND THEM INCOMPETENT. DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? IT'S  
7 A JOKE. AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS GO TOWARDS THIS. YOU GUYS JUST  
8 SEND THEM TO DEPARTMENT 95, PUT THEM IN THE MENTAL HEALTH  
9 SECTION AND LEAVE THEM STUCK. THERE'S NO WAY OF THEM GETTING  
10 OUT. THEY'RE STUCK IN A TINY CELL FOR MONTHS. SEVEN MONTHS AT  
11 A TIME, EIGHT MONTHS AT A TIME, NINE MONTHS AT A TIME. NO  
12 SHOWERS. NO FOOD. THE TRUSTEES ARE THE ONES THAT FEED THEM.  
13 THE SHERIFF'S SUPPOSED TO FEED THEM, BUT THE TRUSTEES ARE THE  
14 ONES THAT CONTROL THE FOOD. IF THEY DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU  
15 FOOD, THEY DON'T JUST GIVE YOU FOOD. AND YOU'RE JUST STUCK.  
16 AND THIS IS CONSIDERED MENTAL HEALTH. SO YOU GET ALL THESE,  
17 AND PUT MORE FUNDING TOWARDS IT TO JUST GET WOMEN OFF THE  
18 STREET, MEN OFF THE STREET, AND PUT THEM IN YELLOW AND LEAVE  
19 THEM STUCK IN JAIL. IT'S A JOKE. IT'S A JOKE, AND YOU KNOW  
20 WHAT, YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO KEEP HEARING FROM ME. REMEMBER  
21 LAST YEAR, YOU GUYS TOOK MY KIDS FROM ME OVER MENTAL HEALTH.  
22 GAVE THEM TO THE DAD IN VEGAS. HE JUST DROPPED THEM OFF IN  
23 LANCASTER. THEY'RE JUST SITTING THERE, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?  
24 THE DAD IS STILL IN VEGAS. L.A. COUNTY SUCKS.  
25

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DR. CLAVREUL, PLEASE.

2

3    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

4    I THINK THAT IT IS A GREAT THING TO GET THAT BLOCK GRANT. MY  
5    ONLY CONCERN IS THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW WE SELECTED TO HAVE THE  
6    FAIRCHILD COMMUNITY SERVICES TO DO THE PROJECT. IT JUST  
7    HAPPENED OUT OF NOWHERE. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO KNOW HOW THEY  
8    WERE SELECTED. BUT I THINK THAT'S A GOOD MOVE IN THE RIGHT  
9    DIRECTION TO PROVIDE BETTER MENTAL HEALTH.

10

11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, NEXT  
12   SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. SEVERAL  
15   THINGS ABOUT THIS ITEM. ACTUALLY IT'S A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
16   BLOCK GRANT. AND I BELIEVE YOU'VE HAD SEVERAL COMMUNITY  
17   DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PROGRAMS.  
18   ALMOST EVERY YEAR YOU HAVE AN ACTION PROGRAM. ONE OF THE  
19   PROBLEMS OF THE ACTION PROGRAM IS THE INACTION OF YOUR  
20   PROGRAM. YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO HAVE FUNDING LEFT OVER. I BELIEVE  
21   LAST YEAR IT WAS ABOUT 33 PERCENT, \$14 MILLION OUT OF \$52  
22   MILLION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING. THAT WAS THE  
23   ACTION PROGRAM. AND THE YEAR BEFORE IT WAS 25 PERCENT. I MAY  
24   BE OFF MY NUMBERS. BUT THE PERCENTAGES ARE PRETTY CLOSE. AND  
25   SO HERE'S ANOTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND, WHO



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1 KNOWS HOW MUCH OF IT IS GOING TO BE SPENT? WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH  
2 OF IT IS? AND THEN THE FACT THAT THIS CONTRACT BY FAIRCHILD  
3 CONSULTING SERVICES WAS DEVELOPED BEFORE YOU EVEN HAD THE  
4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND. HOW WAS IT PAID FOR?  
5 HOW WAS IT OFFERED UP AS A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL? NOT INCLUDED  
6 IN ANY OF THIS INFORMATION. AND HOW DID THEY DEVELOP THIS  
7 COMMUNITY OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS PLAN? YOU KNOW ONE OF THE  
8 INTERESTING THINGS AND ONE OF THE SAD THINGS AND ONE OF THE  
9 FALLOUTS FROM THE CHAOS IN SAN BERNARDINO IS THE FACT THAT THE  
10 COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED THAT HAD ALL THOSE OPERATIONS ADDED  
11 FOR PEOPLE WHO NEEDED HELP. AND I WAS WONDERING MAYBE THAT WAS  
12 AN IMPETUS FOR THIS TO HAPPEN. BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO QUICK.  
13 AND YOU'RE TOO FAR OUT OF THE LOOP FOR THAT. SO I'M WONDERING  
14 HOW THIS ALL CAME ABOUT. YOU KNOW, PEOPLE NEEDED THE MENTAL  
15 HEALTH SERVICES. AND BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY CENTER WAS CLOSED,  
16 THEY HAD NO OPTIONS. SO I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU PIGGYBACKING ON  
17 THAT. THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, EITHER.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
20 WE'LL PROCEED TO THE ITEM AT HAND, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

21

22 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME IT  
23 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE  
24 ITEM.

25

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN PROPERLY MOVED BY  
2   SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IF THERE'S  
3   NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ITEM, WE'LL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY  
4   WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING BEING CLOSED. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
5   OFFICER?

6

7   **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS  
8   THE HEARING ON THE APPROVAL TO UPDATE THE ALL-INCLUSIVE RATES  
9   TO BE CHARGED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR  
10  INPATIENT SERVICES, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2016. THERE IS NO  
11  DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. BUT WE  
12  DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

13

14  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY KINDLY. ON ITEM NO. 2, WE  
15  NOTE THE NAMES OF ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS AND DR. GENEVIEVE  
16  CLAVREUL, IF THE THREE OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD.

17

18  **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SIR, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE  
19  THIRD DISTRICT, ON THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING OUR BILLING  
20  RATE, MOSTLY INCREASES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.  
21  NOW, UNFORTUNATELY, UNDER THE CATEGORY OF TRYING TO UNDERSTAND  
22  THIS ITEM, I CALLED THE NUMBER ON THE BACK THAT SAID "IF YOU  
23  HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL IT" AND THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO ANSWER  
24  THE QUESTION. I'M SURE THAT SOMEBODY AT HEALTH SERVICES COULD,  
25  IT WAS JUST NOT TIMED RIGHT FOR CLARITY. BUT MY QUESTION I

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1 GUESS I'LL JUST LOAD OUT INTO THE SPACE, MAYBE YOU KNOW THE  
2 ANSWER. NO RESPONSE REQUIRED, SIR, I DON'T WANT TO PROVOKE ANY  
3 KIND OF AN OUTBURST. THIS BASICALLY SAYS THAT FOR THE VARIOUS  
4 FACILITIES, IT SEEKS THE RATE. SO FOR EXAMPLE, PSYCHIATRIC,  
5 FOR HOSPITAL AND RELATED STAFF SERVICES THERE IS A BUNCH OF  
6 CODE AND THEN IT SPECIFIES THE SUM OF \$5,523. AND SO THE BRAIN  
7 STARTS TO PACKAGE THAT UP. WHAT IS THAT? IS THAT A DAY? THAT  
8 CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A DAY OF PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT IN THE METRO  
9 CARE NETWORK, CAN IT? AND THEN ONE STARTS TO WONDER, WHAT DOES  
10 THAT MEAN? AND THAT'S REAL AT THIS SUBJECT OF MY ENQUIRY. THE  
11 RATES ARE GENERALLY SPEAKING GOING UP. IT'S A LITTLE ALSO  
12 PUZZLING THAT IF IT INCLUDES STAFF, HOSPITAL STAFF, AND  
13 SERVICES, THE RATE TENDS TO BE ABOUT \$200 MORE ON THE \$10,000  
14 CHARGE. IT'S A LITTLE PUZZLING. WERE IT JUST HOSPITAL  
15 SERVICES, IT WOULD BE SORT OF \$10,000 FLAT INSTEAD OF \$10,200  
16 IF IT INCLUDED THE EMPLOYEES. SO I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.  
17 BUT IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT WE'RE PUSHING IT THROUGH QUICKLY.  
18 AND IF ANYBODY CARES TO ADDRESS IT, I DID ASK TO SPEAK WITH  
19 SOMEONE FROM HEALTH SERVICES AND IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE OF  
20 INTEREST TO UNDERSTAND HOW THOSE INCREMENTS FIT INTO THIS  
21 LANDSCAPE. AND I KNOW IT'S FOR BILLING AGAINST STATE MONEY, SO  
22 I APPRECIATE THAT. THANKS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY WE'LL TAKE  
25 THE NEXT SPEAKER, DR. CLAVREUL.

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1

2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE  
3 CLAVREUL. I HAVE SIMILAR QUESTION. ACTUALLY, NONE OF THE  
4 FIGURES MAKE SENSE, AND THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED. AND I  
5 HAD THE SAME QUESTION. TO ME, AND I AM AN EXPERT IN  
6 HEALTHCARE, THOSE FIGURES ABSOLUTELY DO NOT MEAN ANYTHING. AND  
7 I THINK BEFORE YOU APPROVE IT, WE MUST SEE A DETAILED  
8 EXPLANATION OF THOSE FIGURES BECAUSE THEY DON'T MEAN NOTHING  
9 WHATSOEVER THE WAY THEY ARE PRESENTED. NATURALLY AS A RULE,  
10 STAFF IS NOT BILLED SEPARATELY THAN THE HOSPITAL AND SO ON.  
11 BUT THIS ITEM REALLY NEED TO BE REVIEWED BECAUSE THOSE FIGURES  
12 DO NOT MEAN ANYTHING. THEY DON'T SPECIFY IF THEY ARE DAILY,  
13 WEEKLY, WHATEVER. THAT'S VERY CONCERNING. AND I THINK YOU  
14 SHOULD HAVE SOME EXPLANATION BEFORE YOU APPROVE ANYTHING. AND  
15 I THINK PERSONALLY I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AN EXPLANATION OF  
16 THOSE FIGURES. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. FINAL  
19 SPEAKER ON ITEM NO. 2.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. COUPLE THINGS  
22 HERE. THE FIVE CENTERS LISTED, I DON'T SEE MARTIN LUTHER KING  
23 HOSPITAL HERE. IS THAT BECAUSE IT'S NO LONGER A TRAUMA CENTER?  
24 I JUST DON'T SEE IT LISTED HERE. WHY WOULD IT NOT BE INCLUDED  
25 IN THIS INPATIENT SERVICES RATES? DON'T THEY HAVE PATIENTS

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1 FROM THE COUNTY? AND WHILE WE HAVE ALL FIVE OF THESE LISTED,  
2 FIVE OF THE SIX HOSPITALS THAT ARE IN THE COUNTY, COUNTY-  
3 OPERATED, SEVERAL YEARS AGO THERE WAS A BIG STINK ABOUT M.L.K.  
4 AND THE FUNDING IT GOT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT WAS  
5 CUT OFF AT \$300 MILLION. COULD YOU GIVE AN IDEA TO THE PUBLIC,  
6 MAYBE THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME BECAUSE YOU'RE LOOKING AT  
7 CHARGING FOR SERVICES, HOW MUCH MONEY DOES THE FEDERAL  
8 GOVERNMENT GIVE FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THESE FIVE UNITS? I  
9 MEAN, YOU HAD \$300 MILLION GOING TO M.L.K. HOSPITAL ALONE.  
10 NOW, JUST BECAUSE IT WAS GOING TO M.L.K. HOSPITAL, YOU HAVE TO  
11 THINK THAT IT WASN'T BEING SPENT AT M.L..K HOSPITAL. SO WHAT  
12 IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S GOING TO THESE FIVE CENTERS? AND  
13 CONVERSELY, YOU COULD ASK WHAT'S BEING SPENT? BUT YOU'RE NOT  
14 GOING TO GET AN ANSWER TO ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS. AND THEN I'M  
15 WONDERING WITH THIS ITEM YOU HAVE ON YOUR AGENDA TODAY FOR THE  
16 O.R.C.H.I.D. SYSTEM. DOES THAT HAVE ANY TIE INTO--

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** STAY ON THE ITEM THAT'S BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S A REALTIME DATABASE PROJECT. AND SO YOU'RE  
21 LOOKING TO BE-- ITEMIZED BILLING AS IMPLEMENTED. WOULDN'T YOU  
22 BE ABLE TO GET THE ITEMIZED BILLING FROM THE O.R.C.H.I.D.  
23 SYSTEM? WOULDN'T THAT BE A FUNCTION OF THE SYSTEM AND INCLUDED  
24 IN IT? THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWER. SEE WHEN IT COMES OUT.

25

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHTY. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
2    PLEASE.

3

4    **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME IT  
5    WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE  
6    ITEM.

7

8    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE  
9    SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

10

11   **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 3. THIS IS  
12   THE HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 12,  
13   ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TO INCREASE CERTAIN FEE AND CHARGE  
14   RATES AT THE CALABASAS LANDFILL REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITY,  
15   EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2016. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT  
16   AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, BUT WE DO HAVE A MEMBER OF  
17   THE PUBLIC THAT WISHES TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM.

18

19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON ITEM NO. 3, ERIC  
20   PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS, GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD,  
21   IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

22

23   **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, ERIC PREVEN, THIRD DISTRICT  
24   REPRESENTATIVE, NOT REPRESENTATIVE, RESIDENT. ANYWAY, SO ITEM  
25   NUMBER 3, SIR, IS THE ADOPTION OF A RATE ORDINANCE

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1 ESTABLISHING A FEE AND CHARGING SOME INCREASES OUT AT THE  
2 CALABASAS LANDFILL. NOW, LANDFILL EQUALS SANITATION.  
3 SANITATION EQUALS SANITATION DISTRICTS. SANITATION DISTRICT  
4 NO. 2 EQUALS LEWIS, BRISBOIS, BISGAARD AND SMITH. THAT IS A  
5 LAW FIRM TO WHOM WE HAVE CONTRACTED A LOT OF THIS OVERSIGHT.  
6 NOW, IN THIS INSTANT ITEM WHERE WE ARE FEATURING IS A RAISE IN  
7 COSTS FROM \$43.32 PER TON TO \$47.32 PER TON WHICH IS A  
8 SUBSTANTIAL \$4 CHUNK PER TON OF THIS. IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE  
9 IT'S TOO HARD TO-- BUT THE REASON WHY WE'RE DOING IT I THINK  
10 IS INSTRUCTIVE. THE REASON WE ARE DOING IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE  
11 TAKEN OUT A BOND YEARS AGO, AND THE BOND COSTS HAVE ESCALATED.  
12 AND NOW THE BOND COSTS-- BY THE WAY, IT WAS ONLY A \$20 MILLION  
13 BOND. NOTHING LIKE A \$2 BILLION JAIL BOND OR ANYTHING LIKE  
14 THAT SIZE, MUCH SMALLER. THIS IS A \$20 MILLION BOND, BUT THE  
15 PAYMENTS ON THAT BOND ARE NOW JEOPARDIZING WHAT I WOULD  
16 DESCRIBE AS THE GENERAL FUND. SO RATHER THAN TIPPY-TOE OVER  
17 TOWARD THE GENERAL FUND WHICH THE SUPERVISORS ARE BUSY  
18 PROTECTING, THE TREASURY AS WE LIKE TO SAY, INSTEAD, WE WILL  
19 JACK UP THE RATES FOR THE PUBLIC. SO, NO THANK YOU COMES TO  
20 MIND. MY PROPOSAL IN THE ALTERNATIVE IS THAT WE ASK LEWIS  
21 BRISBOIS, BISGAARD AND SMITH, WHO ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB--  
22 THEY'RE OVER AT THE CITY ON THE CONFLICT ITEM TODAY ON THE  
23 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA-- TO LOWER THEIR RATES SUBSTANTIALLY TO  
24 COVER WHAT IS REALLY JUST A SMALL INCREASE IN BOND PAYMENTS



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1 FOR THE NEXT PERIOD. THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY COVER THIS  
2 OUTRAGEOUS ATTACK ON THE PUBLIC ONCE AGAIN. SO THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS.  
7 I DON'T KNOW, FOR SOME REASON THIS LANDFILL STUFF HAS A WARM  
8 PLACE IN MY HEART. I'M LOOKING AN THE THIS HEARING THAT YOU  
9 HAD WAY BACK IN MAY OF 2006. SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. AND THE  
10 PREVIOUS SPEAKER WAS TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, LOWERING THE  
11 FEES, LOWERING THIS. \$47 A TON. BECAUSE I STILL CAN'T GET  
12 OVER-- AND IT SAYS FOR OPERATIONS. HOW YOU OPERATE, HOW YOU DO  
13 THIS STUFF. YOU'RE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL WHERE YOU MADE  
14 6,600 TONS DISAPPEAR. JUST LIKE THAT. 6 TIMES 6 IS 36. THAT'S  
15 WHAT THE ITEM IS. CAPACITY OF 6,000 TONS A DAY. 36,000 TONS A  
16 WEEK. AND INTAKE FROM 6,000 TONS PER DAY INCREASING TO 12,100  
17 TONS PER DAY, INCREASING THE WEEKLY INTAKE FROM 36,000 TO  
18 66,000 TONS. WELL 12 TIMES 6 IS 72.6. SO 6,600 TONS DISAPPEARS  
19 EVERY WEEK AT THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. AND YOU'RE GOING  
20 TO TALK ABOUT FEES AND PROGRAMS AT THIS OTHER LANDFILL. CAN  
21 YOU EXPLAIN-- IT WAS EXPLAINED TO ME THAT IT WAS DIRT THAT WAS  
22 PUT ON THE LANDFILL TO KEEP THE STUFF FROM BLOWING AWAY. SO  
23 HOW MUCH DIRT IS USED AT THIS LANDFILL TO KEEP IT  
24 ENVIRONMENTALLY IMPACTED SO THAT THE SIERRA CLUB DOESN'T COME  
25 DOWN AND SAY "DIRT AT THE LANDFILL? IT'S UNHEARD OF." 6,600

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1 TONS TIMES \$50 IS LIKE \$330,000 A WEEK FOR 25 YEARS, 52 WEEKS  
2 A YEAR AND YOU ALWAYS ARE LOOKING FOR MONEY. I TELL YOU, YOU  
3 COULD FIND MONEY RIGHT HERE AT THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL  
4 AND IT'S A HARMLESS PROGRAM. KEEP IT UP.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES THE DISCUSSION  
7 ON ITEM 3. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

8

9 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME IT  
10 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THE ITEM.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
13 SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS  
14 VOTE. NEXT ITEM BEFORE US.

15

16 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 12.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM NUMBER 12 ONE  
19 THAT IS BEING HELD. ANY PERSONS FROM THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE  
20 HEARD ON THE ITEM? THREE PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON THE  
21 ITEM. WE'LL HEAR FROM STAFF INITIALLY. THEN I'M GOING ASK THAT  
22 DR. CLAVREUL, MR. PREVEN AND MR. SACHS BE PREPARED TO TESTIFY  
23 AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ITEM. SIR? NAME, RANK,  
24 SERIAL NUMBER.

25

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1   **KEVIN LYNCH:** THANK YOU. YES I'M KEVIN LYNCH. CHIEF INFORMATION  
2   OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

3

4   **MELA GUERRERO:** MELA GUERRERO, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
5   SERVICES' CONTROLLER.

6

7   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A PRESENTATION THAT  
8   YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE OR ANY CLARIFYING ISSUES?

9

10   **KEVIN LYNCH:** I THINK THE CLARIFICATION, SUPERVISOR, THERE WAS  
11   A PERCEPTION OF THE DIFFERENCE OF AN EARLIER PRELIMINARY  
12   ESTIMATE ON THE COSTS IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPROVE THE  
13   INFRASTRUCTURE IN ADVANCE OF ROLLING OUT O.R.C.H.I.D. THE  
14   INITIAL COST AT OUR FINAL FACILITY, OLIVE VIEW, WAS INITIALLY  
15   PROJECTED TO BE AT AN \$8 MILLION. IT WAS BASED ON A  
16   FACILITIES- GENERATED-- DILIGENT FACILITIES GENERATED  
17   APPROACH. AND WE DID BRING THIS TO THE BOARD ON DECEMBER 17TH  
18   OF 2013 TO EXPLAIN THIS DIFFERENCE WHERE THE INITIAL-- THAT \$8  
19   MILLION AT OLIVE VIEW MADE-- COMPILED UP TO A \$21.9 MILLION AS  
20   OUR FIRST PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE. WE LATER ENGAGED PUBLIC WORKS,  
21   WHO DID A VERY DILIGENT JOB IN THEIR EVALUATION, AND IT RAISED  
22   THAT AMOUNT FROM \$21.9 TO \$68.6 MILLION FOR THE WHOLE PROJECT.  
23   AND FOR THIS PARTICULAR BOARD LETTER, THEY ARE STAYING WITHIN  
24   THAT \$68 MILLION, BUT THE ADDITIONAL FINDINGS FOR POWER NEEDS  
25   FOR THEIR AIR HANDLERS AND MOVING THEIR POWER GENERATOR AT

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1 OLIVE VIEW HAS INCREASED THEIR AMENDED AMOUNT FROM \$20 MILLION  
2 TO \$26 MILLION. AND THAT'S WHERE THE DIFFERENCE IS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE SUPPORT OUR  
5 DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO UPGRADE HEALTH TECHNOLOGY AND  
6 IMPLEMENT O.R.C.H.I.D. ACROSS ALL OUR MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUSES  
7 TO IMPROVE OUR PATIENT CARE DELIVERY. I THINK IT'S BEEN  
8 STRONGLY ARTICULATED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT THAT'S A  
9 DESIRABLE GOAL. OUR BOARD SHOULD APPROVE THE UPGRADES BECAUSE  
10 IT APPEARS THAT NECESSARY FOR O.R.C.H.I.D. TO FUNCTION AT THE  
11 OLIVE VIEW AND FUNCTION OPTIMALLY. I KNOW THAT'S A POINT OF  
12 VIEW THAT'S SHARED BY THOSE BOARD MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT OLIVE  
13 VIEW, BOTH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I HELD  
14 THE ITEM BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED THAT THE NOW \$26 MILLION OF  
15 THIS APPROXIMATELY 225, 100, 225, 100 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THE  
16 ORIGINAL ESTIMATE. YOU SOUGHT TO EXPLAIN THAT. WHEN WE DEAL  
17 WITH TECHNOLOGY, WE NEED TO BE EVER VIGILANT IN MANAGING  
18 COSTS, BECAUSE THEY CAN GET AWAY FROM US VERY QUICKLY. SO THE  
19 ORIGINAL ESTIMATE WAS DONE LIKE FIVE YEARS AGO. 2011. AND YOU  
20 MIGHT WANT TO REMIND US WHO DID THAT ORIGINAL ESTIMATE.

21

22 **KEVIN LYNCH:** THAT ORIGINAL ESTIMATE WAS PERFORMED AT THE  
23 FACILITIES USING FACILITY-BASED STAFF. IT WAS A DILIGENT  
24 EFFORT. THEY LOOKED AT THE NUMBER OF-- AT EACH FLOOR HOW MANY

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1 POWER OUTLETS WERE NEEDED, SO IT WAS PERFORMED AT THE  
2 FACILITIES BY FACILITIES STAFF.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THE REASON AGAIN THAT IT WAS OFF BY  
5 225 PERCENT?

6

7 **KEVIN LYNCH:** THE ESTIMATES THAT THEY MADE DIDN'T INCLUDE  
8 ELEMENTS THAT THE DILIGENCE-- THAT D.P.W. WHEN THEY DID THEIR  
9 CONDUCTING EVALUATION IN LATE-- DURING THE 2012 TIME PERIOD  
10 WHEN THEY STARTED THEIR EVALUATION, THEY DIDN'T INCLUDE  
11 ADDITIONAL POWER REQUIREMENTS THAT WERE FOUND BY D.P.W. AND I  
12 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT D.P.W. WAS PART OF THAT  
13 EVALUATION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THERE'S A NEED FOR REVIEW OF OUR  
16 PROCESSES IN TERMS OF COSTS ESTIMATING AND THE LIKE, BECAUSE  
17 THIS TRIGGERS A RATHER SUBSTANTIAL CONCERN IN TERMS OF THE  
18 PERCENTAGE THAT WE IDENTIFY IN TERMS OF INCREASE. AND I WOULD  
19 THINK THAT WE COULD AND SHOULD DO MUCH BETTER THAN THIS  
20 BECAUSE OF IMPLICATIONS THAT IT OBVIOUSLY HAS FOR OTHER  
21 COMPETING CLAIMS FOR LET'S CALL IT AS IT IS, SCARCE RESOURCES.  
22 THE BOARD SEEKS TO MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY  
23 PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF HEALTH BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW  
24 FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT THAT IS. BUT THOSE SHOULD RESULT IN  
25 COST SAVINGS IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY AND MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCIES IN

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1 TERMS OF PATIENT CARE AS WELL AS THE ABILITY FOR HEALTH  
2 PROVIDERS TO DO THEIR JOB IN A MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE MANNER. BUT  
3 TO THE EXTENT THAT WE HAVE COMPETING PRIORITIES IN TERMS OF  
4 HOMELESSNESS, IN TERMS OF DIVERSION AND WE NEED TO BE SMART  
5 ABOUT THE USE OF OUR DOLLARS. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT THERE CAN  
6 BE A REVIEW OF THE PROCESS IN TERMS OF WHAT OUR COST  
7 ESTIMATING IS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S BOTH HEALTH SERVICES AND  
8 D.P.W. SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT SUCH DOES NOT HAPPEN.  
9 TECHNOLOGY IS A PARTICULAR POINT OF VULNERABILITY. AND I WOULD  
10 SAY THIS TO THE C.E.O. TECHNOLOGY IS A PARTICULAR POINT OF  
11 VULNERABILITY IN TERMS OF HOW WE CAN MISFIRE, MADAME C.E.O.,  
12 MISFIRE, WITH THE POTENTIAL OR THE LACK THEREOF WHEN IT COMES  
13 TO ACQUISITION OF NEW SYSTEMS AND THE LIKE. WE HAVE GONE  
14 THROUGH QUITE A LOT OF THIS. NOT UNIQUE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
15 ANGELES. IT JUST IS NOT. MY EXPERIENCE IN THE CITY CAUSES ME  
16 TO BE COGNIZANT OF THOSE KINDS OF CHALLENGES, NOT IN HEALTH  
17 SERVICES BUT IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. STORIES, SUPERVISOR  
18 KUEHL, IN TERMS OF THE STATE ARE LEGENDARY AND THE NUMBER OF  
19 PROBLEMS THAT TOOK PLACE THERE THAT HAD FAR REACHING  
20 IMPLICATIONS FOR SUBSTANTIAL OVERHAUL THAT WENT THROUGH A  
21 SERIES OF ETHICS CONCERNS AND QUITE A LOT OF LITIGATION  
22 INVESTIGATION. SO THIS IS A PARTICULAR POINT OF SENSITIVITY  
23 THAT WE CALL OUT FOR OUR VIGILANCE. ANYONE ELSE WISH TO BE  
24 HEARD ON THIS? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WISHES TO BE HEARD. AND  
25 WE'LL CONTINUE THE ITEM UNTIL-- WE WILL HOLD IT ON THE TABLE

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1 UNTIL WE RETURN. BUT AT THE MEANTIME, LET ME ASK THAT THOSE  
2 PERSONS THAT I CALLED FORWARD BEFORE TO COME AND ALLOW US TO  
3 HEAR FROM THEM. DR. CLAVREUL, MR. SACHS, MR. PREVEN, IF YOU  
4 WOULD COME FORWARD. THANK YOU.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM  
7 THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND I AM STANDING NEARBY THE COUNTY  
8 WATCHDOG, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. TODAY ON ITEM 12, WHAT WE ARE  
9 FEATURING, I HAD A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING. I DIDN'T  
10 SPOT THE 225 PERCENT INCREASE. WHAT I SPOTTED WAS THAT THE  
11 O.R.C.H.I.D. PROJECT WAS FUNDED AT \$68 MILLION. IT DID HAVE A  
12 BIG BUMP WHEN IT GOT TO THAT LEVEL. BUT THAT THEY SHOWED UP A  
13 LITTLE SHORT, \$8,900,000 SHORT. AND THEN THEY DECIDED, WE GOT  
14 TO REPLACE THOSE GENERATORS, AND QUICK, OR WE'RE NEVER GOING  
15 TO GET THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO APPROVE-- AND THEY  
16 ROLLED THIS OUT INTO LANGUAGE IN THE ITEM-- THE ARMY CORPS OF  
17 ENGINEERS TAKES FOREVER TO APPROVE ANYTHING, IS WHAT THEY ARE  
18 COMMENT WAS. SO THEY SAID, LET'S MOVE THAT GENERATOR TO THE  
19 OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER, AND THAT WAY WE WON'T HAVE TO GET  
20 THEIR APPROVAL. SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE'RE DESIGNING A  
21 LITTLE SPOT TO PUT IT. NOW THE PART THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION  
22 WAS THE DESIGNING FEE. SO WE'VE ENGAGED A GROUP CALLED MORRIS  
23 ARCHITECTS WHO DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB. I MEAN THESE GUYS ARE  
24 FANTASTIC. OF COURSE THEY ARE A MULTI NATIONAL FIRM THAT HAVE  
25 DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF CIVIC WORK IN HOUSTON, TEXAS,



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1 WHICH CAUGHT MY ATTENTION. THAT SEEMS TO BE THEIR BIG PLACE  
2 WHERE THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED. SO IT IS A SUBGROUP OF A COMPANY  
3 CALLED HUITT-ZOLLARS, FOR THOSE WHO ARE FOLLOWING. SO THE  
4 QUESTION, IS MOVING GENERATORS SHOULD HAVE COST \$5 OR SO  
5 MILLION DOLLARS. I DON'T KNOW. IT FEELS TO ME LIKE A FROTHY,  
6 LET'S TRY TO SPEND THAT MONEY AND LET'S TRY TO NOT SPEND ALL  
7 OF IT AND SEEM LIKE WE'RE NOT SPENDING ALL OF IT, WHICH IS  
8 NICE. BUT IT SEEMS LIKE AN EGREGIOUS EXPENDITURE. I'M SURE  
9 IT'S NECESSARY. OBVIOUSLY GENERATORS ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT  
10 TO THE FUNCTIONING OF A FACILITY IN THE ABSENCE OF POWER AND  
11 ALL THAT, SO WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. SIR, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER  
12 EXPANDING THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO INCLUDE HEALTH  
13 SERVICES AS WELL AS SHERIFF AND PROBATION, THEN YOU COULD SORT  
14 OF HAVE ONE-STOP SHOPPING OF PUBLIC WATCHDOGS TAKING PART IN  
15 THESE ITEMS ON A REGULAR BASIS. THAT MIGHT GIVE YOU A BIT MORE  
16 COMFORT. SO THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
21 YOU KNOW, EVERY TIME I SEE O.R.C.H.I.D., I GET UPSET. BECAUSE  
22 THIS PROJECT HAVE COST US SO MUCH MONEY. IT HAS BEEN ONE AFTER  
23 ANOTHER. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE EVEN HAVE GARTNER COMPANY TO  
24 SURVEY WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. I  
25 THINK THAT THE PROJECT WAS NOT ON TIME. IT WAS DELAYED ALSO

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1 AFTER DELAY. EVERY TIME WE ARE TURNING AROUND IT IS \$1 MILLION  
2 HERE, \$6 MILLION HERE. AND WE STILL NOT AT FULL-SPEED WORKING.  
3 AND WHEN YOU DECIDED TO PURCHASE O.R.C.H.I.D., I LET YOU KNOW  
4 THAT IN HEALTHCARE, O.R.C.H.I.D. IS THE WORST SOFTWARE  
5 POSSIBLE YOU COULD SPEND YOUR MONEY. AND FROM ALL ADDITIONAL  
6 MONEY WE HAVE PAID O.R.C.H.I.D. IN COMING AROUND, I THINK YOU  
7 REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT IT AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. AND I THINK  
8 IT'S HAVING SPENDING ALL OUR MONEY WITH O.R.C.H.I.D., MAYBE WE  
9 SHOULD HAVE SPENT OUR MONEY TOWARD SMART CARD, WHERE WE COULD  
10 HAVE BETTER INFORMATION ON PATIENTS AND SO ON, AND PROVIDE  
11 BETTER CARE. I AM VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE THESE PROJECTS HAVE  
12 BEEN DELAY AFTER DELAY, AND MULTIPLE MILLION. SO THANK YOU,  
13 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, TO LOOK AT IT. AND IF YOU GO BACK, YOU WILL  
14 SEE THE AMOUNT WE PAY IS OUTRAGEOUS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. FINAL  
17 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS. AND AS THEY  
20 SAID IN CASABLANCA, "ROUND UP THE USUAL SUSPECTS." FIVE OR SIX  
21 PROJECTS. AGAIN, FIVE OF SIX PROJECTS. JUST LIKE YOUR HEARING  
22 WAS FIVE OF SIX MEDICAL CENTERS. SO DOES THIS O.R.C.H.I.D.  
23 PROJECT INCLUDE BILLING? WOULD THAT BE PART OF THE BILLING  
24 SYSTEM? I MEAN IT'S INFORMATION. WOULD IT INCLUDE ONLINE  
25 REALTIME CENTRALIZED HEALTH INFORMATION DATABASE? WOULD THAT

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1 INCLUDE ANY OF THE BILLING? AND IF IT DOESN'T, THAT MEANS YOU  
2 HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER DATABASE TO DO THE BILLING, WHICH IS MORE  
3 COSTS. BUT ALSO, IT'S FUNNY. \$68 MILLION FOR THE 6 PROJECTS,  
4 \$21 MILLION FOR THIS ONE PROJECT, WHICH IS \$47 MILLION FOR THE  
5 FIVE PROJECTS AND YOU LOOK AT THE DATES HERE, YOU STARTED THIS  
6 MAY 2013. THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE ORIGINAL SCOPE OF FIVE  
7 YEARS AGO. THEN YOU HAD ANOTHER HEARING, ANOTHER OKAY OF  
8 CONTRACT ON OCTOBER 24, 2013. THEN YOU AUTHORIZE A PROJECT ON  
9 12/10/2013. AND THEN THEY CAME BACK ONE WEEK LATER AND SAID,  
10 OH, BY THE WAY, WE NEED \$8 MILLION MORE. THAT'S SOME FISCAL  
11 WATCHDOGGING. BOW-WOW, WOOF WOOF WOOF. I DON'T KNOW. DO YOU  
12 KNOW WHAT ELSE CAUGHT MY EYE ON THIS ITEM, TO BE SOMEWHAT  
13 RIDICULOUS? THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL SUPPORT THE BOARD'S  
14 POLICY FOR GREEN BUILDING SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PROGRAM TO THE  
15 EXTENT FEASIBLE BY USING ENERGY EFFICIENT EQUIPMENT AND  
16 LIGHTING, BUILDING MATERIALS THAT ARE COMPOSED OF RECYCLED  
17 MATERIALS AND REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF DEMOLITION MATERIALS THAT  
18 WOULD BE DISPOSED OF IN LANDFILLS. TAKE A PAGE FROM THE  
19 SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL AND JUST DO THE MATH! 6 TIMES 12?  
20 TIME EXPIRED.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL CLOSE  
23 THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS ITEM NO. 12.  
24 WE ASK THAT IT BE HELD ON THE DESK UNTIL SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

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1 HAS A CHANCE TO COMMENT. AND WE HEAR NOW FROM THE CHIEF  
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

3

4 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? ARE WE  
5 STILL ON ITEM 12 OR DO YOU WANT IT ON HOLD?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE ARE ON ITEM NO. 12. YOU WISH TO BE  
8 HEARD ON IT.

9

10 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** ACTUALLY, I HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL HERE, DAVE  
11 HOWARD, WHO HAS SOME COMMENTS HE CAN MAKE IN REFERENCE TO  
12 THIS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. MR. HOWARD?

15

16 **DAVE HOWARD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU WISH TO CLARIFY MATTERS FURTHER. I  
19 THINK THERE IS A LIT.

20

21 **DAVE HOWARD:** I THINK THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF CONFUSION ON  
22 THIS SO I WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE BOARD HAS A COMPLETE  
23 PICTURE.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU SPEAK ON BEHALF OF?

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1

2 **DAVE HOWARD:** I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE C.E.O. WHEN THIS  
3 WAS ORIGINALLY APPROVED I WAS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
4 WORKS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I SEE.

7

8 **DAVE HOWARD:** IN 2012 THIS ITEM CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND THERE  
9 WAS AN ORIGINAL BUDGET THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SET BY HEALTH  
10 SERVICES. THAT HAD NOT BEEN VETTED WITH PUBLIC WORKS AT THAT  
11 TIME. THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND THERE WAS THE SIMILAR  
12 CONCERNS TO WHICH YOU'VE EXPRESSED TODAY IN TERMS OF THE FLAWS  
13 WITH THE BUDGET. THAT WAS ADDRESSED AND THE BUDGET WAS  
14 AUGMENTED AT THAT TIME. WE THEN PROCEEDED INTO CONSTRUCTION.  
15 AND ALL OF THE WORK AT ALL OF THE CAMPUSES ON THE O.R.C.H.I.D.  
16 PROJECT IS NOW DONE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THIS GENERATOR  
17 COMPONENT. WHEN THE ORIGINAL SCOPE WAS SET FOR THE GENERATORS  
18 AT OLIVE VIEW, IT WAS A MORE LIMITED SCOPE. AS WE PROCEEDED  
19 INTO DESIGN AND WORKED WITH THE HOSPITAL IN GREAT DETAIL,  
20 ALONG WITH OUR CONSULTANTS, WE IDENTIFIED NOT ONLY THE NEED  
21 FOR EMERGENCY CAPACITY FOR THE O.R.C.H.I.D. PROJECT BUT  
22 IDENTIFIED OTHER ISSUES WITH THE EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM FOR  
23 THE HOSPITAL. SO THE ADDITIONAL BUDGET ALLOCATION THAT'S BEEN  
24 ASKED TODAY IS PARTLY DUE TO THE SITE LOGISTICS THAT HAVE BEEN  
25 DESCRIBED BY MR. LYNCH AND THEN ALSO TO DEAL WITH SOME

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1 INTERNAL CIRCUITING ISSUES WITHIN THE HOSPITAL WHICH WERE NOT  
2 ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME WE WENT TO THE BOARD. BUT AS MR. LYNCH  
3 HAD EXPLAINED, THE ITEM THAT'S BEFORE YOU IS TAKING SAVINGS  
4 FROM THOSE COMPLETED PROJECTS AT THE OTHER CAMPUSES AND MOVING  
5 IT TO OLIVE VIEW. IT'S NO NET INCREASE.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY ADDITIONAL  
8 COMMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF C.E.O. AT THIS POINT?

9

10 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** NOT AT THIS TIME.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, WE WILL TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL  
13 THE RETURN OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ALL RIGHT. HE'S HERE AND  
14 READY TO ROLL. ALL RIGHT. LET'S JUST MOVE FORWARD WITH THE  
15 AGENDA AND THEN WE'LL PICK IT UP IN A MOMENT. WE HAVE SEVERAL  
16 ITEMS. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHAT'S OUR NEXT ITEM?

17

18 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IT WOULD BE  
19 APPROPRIATE TO GO BACK TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. WE HAVE ITEM 4  
20 AND ITEM NO. 5. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND TAKE SPECIALS AND  
21 ADJOURNMENTS, BEGINNING WITH SECOND DISTRICT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. MAY I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
24 MR. HENRY WENDELL MURPH, JR. MR. MURPH WAS BORN ON JUNE 26,  
25 1946 IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, AND HE PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY THE

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1 13TH AT THE AGE OF 69. HE MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY TO LOS ANGELES  
2 IN THE YEAR 1948, AND AFTER GRADUATING FROM SUSAN MILLER  
3 DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL, HE EARNED AN ASSOCIATE ARTS DEGREE FROM  
4 LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE. HE SERVED HONORABLY IN THE UNITED  
5 STATES AIR FORCE AND WAS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS, INCLUDING A TOUR  
6 IN JAPAN. HE WORKED FOR THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FOR SEVERAL  
7 YEARS PRIOR TO PURSUING AN ACTING CAREER. HE PLAYED A  
8 RECURRING ROLE AS A DETECTIVE IN "N.Y.P.D. BLUE" AND APPEARED  
9 FOR TWO SEASONS ON T.N.T.'S "RAISING THE BAR." OTHER ROLES  
10 INCLUDED THOSE AIRED ON CABLE AS WELL AS NETWORK CHANNELS SUCH  
11 AS LIFETIME, FOX AND A.B.C. HIS FATHER, BISHOP HENRY MURPH,  
12 PASSED AWAY IN 2006 AND SOON THEREFORE MR. MURPH BEGAN WORKING  
13 WITH HIS BROTHER, THE REVEREND FREDERICK MURPH AT THE  
14 BROOKINGS COMMUNITY A.M.E. CHURCH AND PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY TO  
15 GROW THE CHURCH THROUGH THE NEW VISION MINISTRIES. HE WILL BE  
16 REMEMBERED FOR HIS KIND AND GENTLE SPIRIT AND DEDICATION TO  
17 HIS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER,  
18 GERALDINE, SISTER JACQUELINE, AND HIS BROTHER RONALD AND THE  
19 REVEREND FREDERICK MURPH AND MANY FRIENDS, MEMBERS OF THE  
20 CHURCH AND COMMUNITY WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. HENRY WENDELL  
21 MURPH, JR., MEMBERS. BOARD. WE'LL NOW RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR  
22 KUEHL FOR HER ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. VICE CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN  
25 WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KENNETH ROWLAND WACO.



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1 HE DIED ON JANUARY 14TH. WAS BORN IN SANTA MONICA, LIVED MOST  
2 OF HIS LIFE IN PACIFIC PALISADES. HE WAS A GIFTED MUSICIAN,  
3 WORKED AS A SOUND ENGINEER AND ACTOR AND STUNT MAN. EXCELLED  
4 ON PIANO, KEYBOARD AND GUITAR AND OFTEN WROTE HIS OWN MUSIC  
5 ALONG WITH ENTIRE COMPOSITIONS. HE LOVED OUR CALIFORNIA  
6 MOUNTAINS AND HAD A SPECIAL BOND AND LOVE FOR WOLVES. HE'S  
7 SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, VIRGINIA WACO, HIS TWIN RICHARD,  
8 SISTER MICHELLE AND BROTHER ROBERT. THE FAMILY HAS ASKED THAT  
9 IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, DONATIONS BE MADE IN HIS MEMORY TO THE  
10 PACIFIC PALISADES TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS WHICH WE  
11 RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO AND  
12 KENNETH WAS A PART OF THAT. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,  
13 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EUGENIA D. WILSON. SHE DIED ON JANUARY  
14 12TH. CAME TO CALIFORNIA 1948 AS A YOUNG BRIDE. IN 1950 SHE  
15 STARTED A CAREER IN FASHION, TOOK A JOB AT SAKS FIFTH AVENUE  
16 AND EVENTUALLY STARTED HER OWN SPORTSWEAR BUSINESS. IN 1964,  
17 SHE JOINED HER FAMILY BUSINESS, WILSON'S HOUSE OF SUEDE AND  
18 LEATHER, DEVELOPING STORES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SHE WAS A  
19 FIERCELY INDEPENDENT WOMAN, VALUED A LIFE OF INTEREST AND  
20 ADVENTURE. PLAYED GOLF INTO HER MID 80S. SHE BEGAN A LIFE-LONG  
21 LOVE OF SURFING IN MALIBU IN 1953. AND IS CREDITED AS BEING  
22 ONE OF THE VERY FIRST WOMEN TO PIONEER THE SPORT. SHE'S  
23 SURVIVED BY HER SONS TONY, JEFFREY AND BRIAN WILSON. AND I  
24 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
25 RICHARD MEGUGORAC. RICHARD "MAGOO" MEGUGORAC DIED ON JANUARY

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1 13TH. HE GREW UP IN SANTA MONICA, SPENT HIS TIME DEVELOPING A  
2 LOVE FOR HOT RODS. HE WAS THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE LOW  
3 FLIERS RACING CLUB. PEOPLE CALLED HIM MAGOO BECAUSE HIS LAST  
4 NAME WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PRONOUNCE. HIS NATIONAL PROMINENCE  
5 BEGAN WHILE AT HIS CANOGA SHOP CALLED MAGOO'S STREET RODS IN  
6 THE LATE '60S, AND HIS WORK APPEARED ON THE COVERS OF "HOT  
7 ROD", "ROD AND CUSTOM", "STREET RIDER" AND "RIDE ACTION"  
8 MAGAZINES. HE BUILT CARS FOR COMPETITION AT THE GRAND NATIONAL  
9 ROADSTER SHOW AND IN 1979 HE WON THE COVETED AMERICA'S MOST  
10 BEAUTIFUL ROADSTER AWARD. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL  
11 ROD AND CUSTOM CAR HALL OF FAME. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
12 LOIS AND HIS SONS DAVID AND LARRY. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
13 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH VINCENT CASTAGNA,  
14 WHO DIED JANUARY 15TH AT HIS HOME IN THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS. HE  
15 WAS THE FOUNDER, OWNER AND C.E.O. OF CASTAGNA REALTY AND  
16 INVESTMENTS, WHICH INCLUDED AN ESCROW COMPANY AS WELL AS A  
17 REAL ESTATE SCHOOL. HIS BUSINESS HAD EIGHT OFFICES, INCLUDING  
18 THOSE IN THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS AND BEVERLY HILLS. HE ATTRIBUTED  
19 HIS SUCCESS TO HIS JESUIT EDUCATION, AND HE ESTABLISHED A  
20 NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG MEN AT HIS ALMA MATER AND AT  
21 LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES. HE ENTERED THE POWER  
22 BOATING WORLD, QUICKLY BECAME A CHAMPION PREDICTED LOG RACER,  
23 WINNING MANY TROPHIES INCLUDING THE PRESTIGIOUS NORTH AMERICAN  
24 CRUISER ASSOCIATION, LOU GANDELMAN HALL OF CHAMPIONS PERPETUAL  
25 TROPHY IN 1997, WHICH IS AWARDED TO A MEMBER WHO HAS MADE A

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1    SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPORT OF CRUISER NAVIGATION  
2    CONTESTS. HE WAS STAFF COMMODORE OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY POWER  
3    FLEET, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUISER ASSOCIATION AND THE PACIFIC  
4    COAST YACHTING ASSOCIATION WHERE HE FOUNDED THE PACIFIC COAST  
5    LOG RACING CHAMPIONSHIP. HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH AMERICA  
6    CRUISER ASSOCIATION AND DIRECTOR AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE  
7    LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA.  
8    HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, CHALYA REGAS CASTAGNA,  
9    AND HIS SISTERS, MARY CASTAGNA CARRILLO, AND MARGUERITE  
10    CASTAGNA ZIMMERMANN. THANK YOU.

11

12    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW MOVE TO ITEM  
13    NUMBER-- WELL, WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN  
14    FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WITH THEIR ADJOURNING  
15    MOTIONS.

16

17    **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
18    SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL AS TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY  
19    OF SCOTT HAMILTON WYLIE SCOTT PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WAS  
20    BORN IN ALABAMA AND MOVED TO CALIFORNIA WITH HIS FAMILY EARLY  
21    ON. HE WENT TO SCHOOL IN CERRITOS AND CHINO HILLS. AT AN EARLY  
22    AGE HE DEVELOPED A LOVE FOR MUSIC AND WAS THE DRUMMER FOR THE  
23    POPULAR 1980S BAND THE SPECS, PLAYING THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN  
24    CALIFORNIA AND THE REGION, INCLUDING TWO C.D.S. HE JOINED THE  
25    ARMY IN 1998, SERVED IN BOSNIA, KOREA AND IRAQ EARNING HIS

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1 PARATROOPER DESIGNATION ALONG THE WAY. MOST RECENTLY HE WAS  
2 THE MANAGER FOR PINNACLE RAIL SERVICES IN MESQUITE, TEXAS. HE  
3 WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. SCOTT IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER  
4 MADELYN, EX-WIFE JAMIE, HIS MOTHER SHERRY, SIBLINGS JULIE,  
5 JACOB, LUCAS, AND HIS FATHER, MY GOOD FRIEND DON, AND NUMEROUS  
6 COUSINS AND FRIENDS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. WARREN  
7 HARWOOD. WARREN WAS A FORMER CITY COUNCILMEMBER IN THE CITY OF  
8 LONG BEACH, AND PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AFTER A FALL. HE WAS 76  
9 YEARS OLD. GREW UP IN NEW YORK AND WAS BORN THERE AND WENT TO  
10 WILSON HIGH SCHOOL. EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC  
11 ADMINISTRATION AT U.S.C. HE MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE AND  
12 TOGETHER THEY RAISED TWO SONS. HE BEGAN HIS POLITICAL CAREER  
13 IN 1963 AS ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER IN SOUTH EL MONTE, MOVING ON  
14 TO OTHER CITIES AS WELL AS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. FROM 1982 TO  
15 1994 HE WAS A COUNCILMAN REPRESENTING DISTRICT NO. 9 IN LONG  
16 BEACH. HE AND HIS WIFE THEN MOVED TO CAMARILLO. HE SERVED ON  
17 THE BOARD IN PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE WAS ALSO A  
18 CREDENTIALLED TEACHER AT OXFORD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.  
19 MOST OF ALL, THE FAMILY WAS VERY IMPORTANT. HE'S SURVIVED BY  
20 HIS WIFE CHERYL, THEIR TWO SONS DAVID AND DANIEL, TWO BROTHERS  
21 AND A SISTER. HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.  
22 AND FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BENNY GOLBIN. BENNY,  
23 A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN THAT  
24 AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH-- JANUARY 15TH,  
25 EXCUSE ME, IN HAWTHORNE. JUST DRIVING HOME TEACHING MUSIC AT

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1 THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE ACADEMY IN INGLEWOOD. HE WAS A GIFTED  
2 MUSICIAN, ONLY 36 YEARS OLD, WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS FRIENDLY  
3 AND VERY POSITIVE DEMEANOR. ACCORDING TO HIS WEBSITE, HE BEGAN  
4 HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER AT 17 AS A SAXOPHONIST IN AN  
5 ALTERNATIVE ROCK BAND. HE TRAVELED THE WORLD RECORDING MUSIC  
6 WITH VARIOUS ARTISTS. HE ALSO INSTRUCTED STUDENTS THROUGHOUT  
7 THE PALOS VERDES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, PALOS VERDES MUSIC  
8 CENTER AND WOULD TRAVEL ANNUALLY TO THAILAND WHERE HE'D  
9 PERFORM IN THE THAILAND INTERNATIONAL JAZZ SUMMIT. HE IS  
10 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANCHESA, AND HIS PARENTS JOEL AND SUSAN,  
11 AND SHERI AND STUART KESSEL. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR.  
12 CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. AND THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.  
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS, PLEASE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, FIRST, WE ADJOURN IN  
18 MEMORY OF JANICE ELAINE CAMPBELL. SHE WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT  
19 OF GLENDALE WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. SHE WAS THE  
20 INSPIRATION FOR THE FOUNDING OF THE GLENDALE ASSOCIATION FOR  
21 THE RETARDED, RECENTLY RENAMED THE CAMPBELL CENTER IN HER  
22 HONOR. SHE DEDICATED HER LIFE TO INCREASING AWARENESS FOR THE  
23 MENTALLY DISABLED. SHE WAS A DOWN'S SYNDROME CHILD WHO DID SO  
24 MUCH IN OVERCOMING HER DISABILITIES, HER HANDICAP. SHE'S  
25 SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS, PHYLLIS AND JERRY AND HER SISTER. BUT

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1 SHE WAS A WONDERFUL FRIEND. I REMEMBER WHEN SHE WAS A  
2 TEENAGER, AND SHE WAS VOLUNTEERING IN MY OFFICE WITH HER  
3 PARENTS. SHE LOVED DOING THE ENVELOPES AND THE MAILINGS AND  
4 ALL THAT. SHE WAS JUST A REAL ROLE MODEL OF WHAT WE CAN DO AND  
5 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH THOSE WHO HAVE DISABILITIES JERRY  
6 ENOMOTO , ADVOCATE, FORMER WORLD WAR TWO INTERNEE PASSED AWAY  
7 AT THE AGE OF 89. HE WAS A TWO-TIME NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE  
8 JAPANESE-AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE AND HE LED THE EFFORT,  
9 INVOLVING THE EFFORTS FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INTERNMENT  
10 REDRESS BILL. BEFORE PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS PRESIDENT, RONALD  
11 REAGAN APPOINTED JERRY AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA  
12 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. AND HE WAS THE FIRST ASIAN-  
13 AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HEAD IN STATE HISTORY. HE LATER SERVED AS  
14 THE FIRST ASIAN-AMERICAN UNITED STATES MARSHALL UNTIL HIS  
15 RETIREMENT IN 2002. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DOROTHY.  
16 RAISA ELL. THIS WAS A YOUNG LADY THAT I HAD BEFORE THE BOARD  
17 OF SUPERVISORS LAST YEAR AS WE CELEBRATED HER 104TH BIRTHDAY.  
18 WELL, SHE PASSED AWAY NOW AT THE AGE OF 105. SHE WAS BORN  
19 DURING THE FINAL YEARS OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE, IMMIGRATED TO  
20 THE UNITED STATES IN 1937. SERVED AS A DENTAL ASSISTANT AT THE  
21 L.A. V.A. HOSPITAL FOR 13 YEARS AND HELPED ESTABLISH THE  
22 CENTENARIANS' PROJECT AT THE PASADENA MUSEUM OF HISTORY WHICH  
23 DOCUMENTS THE LIVES OF CENTENARIANS RESIDING IN THE PASADENA  
24 AREA. AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO GRANDSONS. DR. JAMES  
25 MOSLEY, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER IN TRANSFUSION

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1 MEDICINE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY  
2 SERVED AS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE  
3 AFTER GRADUATING FROM HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL. HE PARTICIPATED  
4 WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND U.S.A.I.D. AND BRIEFLY  
5 SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE AIDS PROGRAM FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. HE WAS AN EMERITUS  
7 PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S KECK  
8 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND AUTHORED OVER 150 RESEARCH PAPERS, 20  
9 BOOKS AND 100 ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
10 WIFE, HIS THREE CHILDREN AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. JOHN QUINN WHO  
11 PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 3RD. HE HAD SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES  
12 ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTER-  
13 INTELLIGENCE CORPS. WORKED FOR MERRILL LYNCH. MEMBER OF THE  
14 PHI GAMMA DELTA FRATERNITY, KIWANIS CLUB, GLENDALE Y.M.C.A.  
15 QUARTERBACK CLUB. SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE GLENDALE CHAMBER  
16 OF COMMERCE. SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY  
17 COLLEGE FOUNDATION, GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AS I SAID, THE  
18 SALVATION ARMY BOARD, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
19 GLENDALE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE YOUTH  
20 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND THE GLENDALE YOUTH ALLIANCE. HE HAD  
21 RECEIVED THE MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE CHAMBER OF  
22 COMMERCE AND THEIR PATRIOT OF THE YEAR AWARD AND THE BURTIS  
23 TAYLOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARD FROM THE GLENDALE UNIFIED  
24 SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR TWO  
25 DAUGHTERS. JOHN EASTON MCGHEE, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA,



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1 UNITED STATES NAVY VETERAN DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND DIED AT  
2 THE AGE OF 85. HE HAD A 35-YEAR CAREER WITH LESTER RYAN AND  
3 COMPANY AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, THREE CHILDREN, SISTER,  
4 BROTHER AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. MARLENE HOLLINGSWORTH, ALSO  
5 OF PASADENA, WORKED FOR THE SANTA ANITA RACE TRUCK AND  
6 VOLUNTEERED AT THE ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY. BRIAN SHAGHNESSY  
7 FITZPATRICK. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PASSED  
8 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 39. HE WAS A CERTIFIED FARRIER, DEVOTING 20  
9 YEARS TO THE CARE OF THE HORSES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND  
10 FOUR DAUGHTERS. SISTER PAUL JOSEPH MADDEN. SISTER JOSEPH  
11 MADDEN IS A SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH'S OF CARONDELET WHO PASSED  
12 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS A TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR IN  
13 CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR 30 YEARS. SHE HELPED SENIORS,  
14 VOLUNTEERED AT ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN IN VAN NUYS AND HAS  
15 SERVED AS SUPERIOR OF THE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, THE CARONDELET  
16 CENTER, THE ORDER THAT MY LATE AUNT WAS A MEMBER OF. THOSE  
17 WERE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. THAT  
20 CONCLUDES THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS FOR THE BOARD FOR THIS  
21 SESSION. WE WILL NOW RETURN TO THE AGENDA SPECIFICALLY ITEMS  
22 4, 5 AND THEN 12 BEFORE WRAPPING UP TODAY'S ITEMS. MADAME  
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE?

24

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1    **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS  
2    A HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT R2014-019235, LOCATED ON A  
3    VACANT LOT NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF CANYONSIDE ROAD, IN  
4    MANZANITA STREET, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LA CRESCENTA-  
5    MONTROSE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE  
6    ON A LEGAL UNDERSIZED LOT, APPLIED FOR BY S. C. PLANNERS, INC.  
7    THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM, AND  
8    CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. WE ALSO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE  
9    PUBLIC WHO'D WISH TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

10

11   **STEVE MAHER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STEVE  
12   MAHER. I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE  
13   AGENDA ITEM BEFORE YOU IS A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE OF A NEW  
14   SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON A LAWFULLY-CREATED UNDERSIZED LOT,  
15   LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LA CRESCENTA. THE  
16   LOT IS CURRENTLY VACANT AND DOES NOT HAVE AN ADDRESS. THE  
17   VARIANCE REQUEST WAS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
18   COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
19   PUBLIC WORKS HAS REVIEWED THE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDS APPROVAL  
20   OF THE PROJECT. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
21   THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT REVIEWED THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT  
22   AND CONCLUDED THAT THE PROJECT DID NOT WARRANT THEIR REVIEW AT  
23   THIS TIME. CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED THE  
24   PROJECT AND RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST. STAFF HAS  
25   RECEIVED LETTERS AND A PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO THE REQUEST

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1 AND ONE LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST. STAFF RECOMMENDS  
2 THAT THE BOARD FIND THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE  
3 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND DENY THE APPEAL AND  
4 UPHOLD THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE  
5 VARIANCE REQUEST, AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE  
6 NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
7 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND I'M  
8 AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS THE LOT LEGALLY CREATED?

13

14 **STEVE MAHER:** THE LOT WAS LAWFULLY CREATED IN 1963.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHY IS THE VARIANCE NECESSARY?

17

18 **STEVE MAHER:** THE VARIANCE IS NECESSARY FOR-- BECAUSE OF A  
19 CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE THAT WAS ISSUED FOR THE  
20 LOT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU SAID THE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTED IT?

23

24 **STEVE MAHER:** CORRECT.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING SUPPORTED IT?

2

3    **STEVE MAHER:** CORRECT.

4

5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THOSE QUESTIONS,

6    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WE DO HAVE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE

7    HEARD. AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING THE CALL ON THE APPELLANT,

8    JAMES GORTON, FOLLOWED BY THE APPLICANT, PETER GONZALEZ.

9    GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. THERE ARE FIVE OTHER

10   PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD FOLLOWING THOSE TWO

11   PRESENTATIONS. DULCE CONDE-SIERRA. ARNOLD SACHS. HARRY SWOPE.

12   AND VICTOR JOCKIN. IF YOU WOULD BE IN THE QUEUE TO BE HEARD,

13   WE'LL HEAR YOU AT THAT TIME. FIRST SPEAKER IS JAMES GORTON.

14   SIR?

15

16   **JAMES GORTON:** YES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I'M A

17   RESIDENT OF THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. I LIVE ON EDMOND

18   AVENUE IN BRIGGS TERRACE OF LA CRESCENTA ABOUT A BLOCK FROM

19   THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE SO-CALLED

20   APPROVAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THIS PROJECT. IN FACT, THE

21   APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE, MR. GONZALEZ HERE, CAME BEFORE THE

22   TOWN COUNCIL AND REPRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT THIS

23   MATTER HAD TO BE APPROVED AS A MATTER OF LAW, THAT ANY

24   CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER IN WHICH THE LOT WAS TO BE

25   DEVELOPED WAS IRRELEVANT AND IMPROPER FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL TO

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1 CONSIDER IT, THAT THE RELEASE OF PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
2 THE PROPERTY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WAS IMPROPER ON PART OF THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I WOULD SUBMIT THAT AS A  
4 RESULT, THE TOWN COUNCIL, HAVING BOUGHT THIS ARGUMENT, THE  
5 RESULTANT APPROVAL CANNOT BE SAID TO EXPRESS AN APPROVAL OF  
6 THE PROJECT BUT MERELY OF THE APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATION TO  
7 THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT THE PROJECT HAD TO BE APPROVED AS A  
8 MATTER OF RIGHT, AS A MATTER OF LAW. THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY  
9 PROJECT. IT IS A LOT OF LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET CONSISTING  
10 OF TWO 20-FOOT WIDE DRIVEWAY-LIKE SEGMENTS WHICH ARE JOINED AT  
11 A RIGHT ANGLE. IT IS GOING TO BE DEVELOPED IN A WAY THAT  
12 LEAVES SOME 42 FEET OF ASPHALT EXTENDING UP FROM CANYON SIDE  
13 ROAD TO A BLANK GARAGE WALL. THIS WILL CONSTITUTE THE ENTIRE  
14 FRONTAGE OF THIS PROPERTY. I'D SUBMIT THAT THIS IS NOT  
15 CONSISTENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD NOR IS IT  
16 THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT THAT ANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN  
17 YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS PROPERTY IS PROPOSED TO BE CLEAR-CUT  
18 OF MATURE PINE TREES WHICH ARE AN ORNAMENT TO THIS  
19 NEIGHBORHOOD RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO SAVE EVEN ONE OF THEM  
20 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE AREA. THE DENSITY OF THE PROJECT IS  
21 NEARLY DOUBLE THAT OF THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD. THE  
22 NEIGHBORHOOD CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 269 HOMES. THE AVERAGE  
23 DENSITY, THE AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF WHICH IS ABOUT 1,800  
24 SQUARE FEET ON LOTS THAT ARE ON AVERAGE OVER 7,500 SQUARE  
25 FEET. THIS PROJECT PROPOSES TO CRAM A HOUSE OF 1,800 SQUARE

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1 FEET INTO A LOT THAT IS ALMOST ONE HALF THE SIZE OF THE  
2 AVERAGE LOT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PROBLEM WITH THIS MATTER,  
3 I THINK, IS A LACK OF BALANCE BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
4 INTERESTS. IN EVERY INSTANCE IN WHICH THERE HAS BEEN A  
5 QUESTION AS TO HOW THIS PROJECT MIGHT BE MAXIMIZED OR THE  
6 DENSITY INCREASED, THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE IN FAVOR OF THE  
7 PRIVATE INTEREST AND NOT THE PUBLIC INTEREST. I WOULD FINALLY  
8 COMMENT THAT THE PROPERTY APPEARS TO BE OWNED BY A DEVELOPER  
9 AND IS BEING HELD UNDER A NOMINEE NAME AND SHOULD BE MERGED  
10 WITH THE PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH OF IT RATHER THAN IT BEING  
11 DEVELOPED. THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND WE WILL  
14 NOW TURN TO THE APPLICANT, MR. GONZALEZ.

15

16 **PETER GONZALEZ:** HELLO MY NAME IS PETER GONZALEZ WITH S.C.  
17 PLANNERS. I REPRESENT THE PROPERTY OWNER. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A  
18 MINUTE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT  
19 BEFORE YOU. I'D LIKE TO THANK STAFF FOR HELPING IT GET TO THIS  
20 POINT. MR. STEVE MAHER HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL THROUGHOUT  
21 THE PROCESS. I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE  
22 HISTORY OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN ITS  
23 CURRENT SHAPE AND SIZE WAS LAWFULLY CREATED UNDER THE  
24 REGULATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA SUBDIVISION MAP IN 1963. AGAIN,  
25 THE LOT WAS LEGALLY CREATED, AS CONFIRMED WITH THE VERY

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1 ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE AND STAYED IN THE  
2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION PREPARED BY STAFF BEFORE YOU NOW. I  
3 UNDERSTAND IT'S A LITTLE CONFUSING. THESE ARE SOME OF THE  
4 QUESTIONS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKED. IF IT'S LEGAL, WHY ARE  
5 WE HERE APPLYING FOR THIS VARIANCE? THE LOT WITH ITS SHAPE AND  
6 SIZE WAS HERE CREATED LAWFULLY THROUGH THE STATE LAWS AT THE  
7 TIME. THE ISSUE AT HAND IS, IN 1963 WHEN THE OWNER AT THE TIME  
8 GAVE AWAY HIS LAND, HE GAVE AWAY 330 SQUARE FEET MORE THAN WAS  
9 ALLOWED BY COUNTY REGULATIONS AT THAT TIME. HAD HE KEPT THE  
10 PROPERTY AT 5,000 SQUARE FEET, WE WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. SO  
11 BECAUSE OF 330 SQUARE FEET, WE'RE HERE NOW. CONSEQUENTLY, THE  
12 PROPERTY WAS GRANTED A CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.  
13 THE CONDITION STATES PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION-- ANY  
14 CONSTRUCTION, THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL ACQUIRE-- NOW THE  
15 CONDITION GIVES SEVERAL OPTIONS. IT GIVES DIRECTORS REVIEW,  
16 ALLOTMENT ADJUSTMENT AND VARIANCES OR OTHER ZONING PERMITS  
17 DEEMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO MITIGATE THE  
18 UNDERSIZED LOT. THE CONDITION IS TO MITIGATE THE UNDERSIZED  
19 LOT. I RESEARCHED ALL THE OPTIONS TO MEET THIS CONDITION.  
20 THERE IS NO SUCH DIRECTOR'S REVIEW OR ZONING PERMIT THAT WILL  
21 SATISFY THE CONDITION. WE EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF  
22 ALLOTMENT ADJUSTMENT, BUT THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE. NO NEIGHBOR WAS  
23 WILLING TO GIVE UP ANY LAND. THE ONLY REMAINING ITEM WAS THIS  
24 VARIANCE. HONORABLE BOARD, THE MATTER BEFORE YOU TODAY IS  
25 SIMPLY TO SATISFY THE CONDITION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF



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1 COMPLIANCE. NOW, THIS LOT SIZE IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR THE AREA. I  
2 WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ONLY 1,000 FEET FROM THE SUBJECT  
3 PROPERTY THERE ARE FIVE OTHER PROPERTIES WITH SMALLER LOTS  
4 THAN MY CLIENT'S. ONLY A SHORT WALK AWAY THERE ARE LOTS OF  
5 SIMILAR SIZE WHO THEIR OWNERS ENJOY THE FULL ECONOMIC BENEFIT  
6 OF HAVING THE SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE ON THEIR PROPERTY. WE ARE  
7 NOT BEFORE YOU NOW, NOT FOR THE DESIGN, PLACEMENT OR EVEN THE  
8 SIZE OF THE HOUSE. WE ARE REQUESTING NO VARIANCE IN REGARD OF  
9 THE HOUSE. IN FACT, PRIOR TO THE SUBMITTAL OF THE HOUSE OR  
10 SUBMITTAL OF COMPLIANCE, I PERSONALLY MET WITH MEMBERS OF  
11 STAFF TO ASSIST ME IN THE PLACEMENT OF THE HOUSE AS YOU SEE  
12 TODAY. NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN DONE SINCE THE BEGINNING. I TAKE  
13 PRIDE IN PREPARING MY PROJECTS AHEAD OF TIME TO MAKE SURE THAT  
14 THEY MEET ALL ZONING REGULATIONS. AS SUCH, STAFF HAS  
15 RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE VARIANCE. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN  
16 REVIEWED BY SEVERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS: FIRE, HEALTH, PUBLIC  
17 WORKS AND EVERY DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. THE  
18 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ALSO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. THE DEVELOPMENT  
19 OF THIS PROPERTY NOT ONLY ENHANCES THE NEIGHBORHOOD BUT BY  
20 DEVELOPING THE PROPERTY IT WILL REDUCE FIRE HAZARDS BY  
21 CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE, WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT WALK-AROUNDS  
22 AND FUEL MODIFICATION. AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE  
23 POINTED OUT THERE ARE MATURE TREES ON THE PROPERTY; HOWEVER  
24 ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FUEL MODIFICATION UNIT, THESE  
25 TREES AND THE LARGE CANOPIES CREATED ARE AN UNNEEDED FIRE

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1 HAZARD AND SHOULD BE REMOVED. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED  
2 IN R-1. THE ONLY PERMITTED USE OF THE LAND IS FOR A SINGLE-  
3 FAMILY RESIDENCE. IN ORDER TO BUILD THIS RESIDENCE, OUR CLIENT  
4 MUST FIRST OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT TO DEVELOP PROPERTY. IN  
5 ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BUILDING PERMIT, OUR CLIENT MUST FIRST  
6 SATISFY THE CONDITION UNDER THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.  
7 STATE LAW REQUIRES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF  
8 COMPLIANCE PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
9 PROPERTY. IN CONCLUSION, TODAY WE AREN'T ASKING TO BE GRANTED  
10 ANY SPECIAL PRIVILEGES. WE ARE NOT EVEN ASKING THAT OTHER  
11 ITEMS THAT HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN GRANTED TO OTHERS. TODAY WE  
12 ASK YOU TO APPROVE THIS VARIANCE AND DENY THE APPEAL SO THE  
13 PROPERTY OWNER MAY FULLY ENJOY HIS PROPERTY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES THE COMMENTS  
16 FROM THE APPLICANT. WE NOW TURN TO THE ADDITIONAL NAMES THAT I  
17 CALLED TO BE HEARD AT THIS TIME. SIR? YOUR NAME?

18

19 **HARRY SWOPE:** I'M DR. HARRY SWOPE. I LIVED IN THE CANYONSIDE  
20 ROAD AREA FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS. AND THE RESIDENTS THERE ARE A  
21 VERY TIGHT COMMUNITY AND WE CARE A GREAT DEAL ABOUT OUR  
22 COMMUNITY. AND THERE IS A STRONG FEELING, AS THE LETTERS OF  
23 THOSE WHO ARE NOT HERE HAVE EVIDENCED, THAT THIS PROJECT  
24 REPRESENTS AN UNSUITABLE USE OF THE LAND. I HAVE A LITTLE  
25 DISMAY THAT IN THE PRESENTATIONS BEFORE THE CRESCENTA VALLEY

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1 TOWN COUNCIL AND ITS PLANNING BOARD AND BEFORE YOU TODAY, SOME  
2 OF THE FACTS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY REPRESENTED. IT IS MY  
3 UNDERSTANDING, ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO FACTS TO CITE, THAT POSSIBLY  
4 THE SAME HUMAN BEING IS THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF TWO ADJACENT  
5 PIECES OF PROPERTY, ONE OF WHICH IS THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION.  
6 SO THE STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER ADDITIONAL LAND COULD HAVE BEEN  
7 USED TO DIVIDE THE TWO UNIMPROVED LOTS IS SOMETHING I DON'T  
8 UNDERSTAND. WE RECENTLY MADE SOME CHANGES TO OUR HOUSE. AND WE  
9 WERE VERY SENSITIVE TO THE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE  
10 NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'RE VERY CONCERNED THAT PUTTING SUCH A HOUSE  
11 OF THIS SIZE ON A LOT OF THIS SIZE WILL HARM THE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
12 I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL  
15 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. VICTOR JOCKIN. ARNOLD SACHS.  
16 DULCE CONDE-SIERRA.

17

18 **VICTOR JOCKIN:** HI. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. I JUST  
19 WANTED TO REITERATE SOME OF THE POINTS. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE  
20 NEIGHBORHOOD THAT JIM GORTON MADE. THIS LOT AT 4,760 SQUARE  
21 FEET IS SUBSTANTIALLY SMALLER THAN THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES.  
22 BUT REALLY THAT UNDERSTATES THE ISSUE. BECAUSE OF THIS AWKWARD  
23 SHAPE THAT IT HAS, IT'S AN ODD REMNANT OF A LOT SPLIT THAT  
24 WHEN IT WAS CREATED WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE DEVELOPED BELOW  
25 THE DEVELOPABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE AT THE TIME. IT SERVED AS A

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1 DRIVEWAY FOR AN ADJACENT PROPERTY, WHICH AS A COUPLE OF THE  
2 PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE MENTIONED, WE BELIEVE ARE STILL-- THOSE  
3 THE TWO PROPERTIES ARE STILL JOINTLY CONTROLLED. SO, REALLY,  
4 MR. GONZALEZ MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE PROPERTIES IN THE  
5 NEIGHBORHOOD THAT ARE ROUGHLY THIS SIZE, THAT'S TRUE. THEY'RE  
6 SOME OF THE OLDER ONES TO THE SOUTH. BUT THEY'RE RECTANGULAR.  
7 THIS LOT IS SO ODDLY SHAPED THAT IT CREATES AN EXTREMELY  
8 AWKWARD DEVELOPMENT THAT IS REALLY COMPLETELY OUT OF CHARACTER  
9 WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND AGAIN I KNOW THAT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
10 DOES NOT CATEGORICALLY OPPOSE NEW DEVELOPMENT. THERE WERE TWO  
11 NEW HOMES THAT WENT INTO MAURICE A COUPLE YEARS BACK. NO ONE  
12 SAID ANYTHING. THEY IMPROVED THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'RE NOT ANTI-  
13 DEVELOPMENT. THIS LOT PER SE WE BELIEVE SHOULD NOT BE  
14 DEVELOPED IN THE WAY PROPOSED. THAT'S MY STATEMENT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL  
17 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS.  
20 ALTHOUGH I DON'T HAVE A HORSE IN THIS RACE, IT'S NOT PART OF  
21 MY BUSINESS, I DO HAVE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GERMANE TO THIS  
22 IDEA IN ACTUALITY. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO SEE IF THOSE  
23 PEOPLE WOULD HAVE HAD MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TO  
24 BE ABLE TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD. AND I'M WONDERING IF IT WAS  
25 MENTIONED THAT IT WAS ZONED AS R-1. WOULD THIS HOME, IF IT'S

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1 APPROVED, BE DEVELOPED BY A LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, AN  
2 L.L.C.? YOU KNOW, LAST MONTH I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR KNABE  
3 MENTIONED THAT IT WAS ASSESSMENT MONTH TO HAVE YOUR PROPERTY  
4 RE-ASSESSED TO SAVE MONEY. AND HAVING A LIMITED LIABILITY  
5 CORPORATION AS THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS PROBABLY THE BEST  
6 WAY TO SAVE MONEY BECAUSE YOUR PROPERTY DOESN'T GET RE-  
7 ASSESSED UNDER THE PARTS OF PROP 13, LIMITED LIABILITY  
8 CORPORATION SHOWS NO 51 PERCENT OWNERSHIP OR OVER 50 PERCENT  
9 OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY. AND THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CLIENT--  
10 AND AGAIN I DON'T MEAN TO BAD MOUTH ANYBODY HERE, JUST I KNOW  
11 HOW THE BOARD OPERATES SOMEWHAT-- YOU'VE SAID THAT ALL THE  
12 ZONING REGULATIONS WERE MET. AND I WAS WONDERING IF THEY WERE  
13 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ANY OF THE LOOPHOLES IN THE ZONING  
14 REGULATIONS, AND THAT WOULD BE THIS LIMITED LIABILITY  
15 CORPORATION PART OF THE AGENDA THAT HASN'T BEEN ANSWERED. IF  
16 IT'S ZONED AS R-1 AND IT'S DEVELOPED, WILL THE ASSESSMENT GO  
17 UP? BECAUSE AGAIN AS I SAY, AND I BECOME REPETITIVE HERE,  
18 UNDER A LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, IT DOESN'T CHANGE. IT  
19 STILL HAS THE SAME ASSESSMENT AS IT WOULD HAVE HAD IF IT  
20 HADN'T BEEN DEVELOPED. SO THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

23

24 **DULCE CONDE-SIERRA:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY  
25 NAME IS DULCE CONDE-SIERRA. I'M A MANZANITA LANE IN LA

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1 CRESCENTA. YOU SHOULD HAVE BEFORE YOU MY WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT  
2 I HAVE SUBMITTED. THIS PROJECT HAS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE  
3 CONSTERNATION IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. CONTRARY TO THE PLANNING  
4 COMMISSION'S FINDINGS, IT IS IN NO WAY COMPATIBLE WITH THE  
5 CHARACTER OF THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES, MOST OF WHICH SIT ON  
6 7,500 SQUARE FOOT LOTS AND ARE OCCUPIED BY PROPERLY-SIZED  
7 RESIDENCES. I FIND IT BAFFLING FOR THE COMMISSION TO FIND  
8 THAT, QUOTE, REQUIRING 7500 SQUARE FOOT MINIMUM LOT SIZE WOULD  
9 CAUSE MANSIONIZATION OF THE LOT IF COMBINED WITH AN ADJOINING  
10 LOT, ET CETERA. THAT ADJOINING LOT, BY THE WAY, WAS SOLD  
11 CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PRESENT PROJECT. WITH THIS NEARLY 50  
12 PERCENT LOT COVERAGE, THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS WHAT I WOULD  
13 CONSIDER AND MANY PEOPLE, AS WELL, AN EXAMPLE OF  
14 MANSIONIZATION. THE APPLICANT KNEW WHEN HE WAS PURCHASING THAT  
15 HE WAS BUYING AN UNDERSIZED LOT. AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WISER  
16 AND LESS AMBITIOUS TO DEVELOP A SMALLER PROPERTY OR COMBINE IT  
17 WITH THE ONE TO THE SOUTH TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT IS MORE  
18 COMPATIBLE WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD  
19 TO REJECT THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS APPROVING THE VARIANCE OR  
20 REQUIRE THAT THE APPLICANT REDUCE THE FOOTPRINT OF THE PROJECT  
21 TO MORE PROPERLY FIT THE CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK  
22 YOU.  
23

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THAT  
2   CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER. SUPERVISOR  
3   ANTONOVICH, DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE, THE PROPOSED PROJECT WHICH WAS  
6   AUTHORIZED FOR CONSTRUCTION IS A NEW 1,789 SQUARE FOOT SINGLE-  
7   FAMILY RESIDENCE ON A LEGAL UNDERSIZED 4,670 SQUARE FOOT LOT  
8   IN LA CRESCENTA. THE PROJECT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE  
9   SURROUNDING AREA AND ABIDES BY THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR  
10   MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS WHICH HAS BEEN  
11   PRESCRIBED UNDER THE COUNTY CODE. AS WAS STATED BY THE  
12   DEPARTMENT, THIS HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
13   COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND THE LA CRESCENTA TOWN  
14   COUNCIL. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD FIND THE PROJECT  
15   CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT, PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL CALIFORNIA  
16   C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES, DENYING THE APPEAL AND INSTRUCT COUNSEL  
17   TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE COMMISSION'S  
18   APPROVAL OF 2014-00008 VARIANCE.

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. THAT IS BY  
21   SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND KNABE RESPECTIVELY. ARE THERE ANY  
22   FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER? MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
23   ARE WE IN ORDER TO DISPOSE OF THE MATTER AT THIS POINT? YES?  
24   ALL RIGHT. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE REPORT A



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1 UNANIMOUS VOTE AS PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. NEXT  
2 ITEM, PLEASE.

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4 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 5 IS THE  
5 HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF PROJECT R-2014-02565 LOCATED AT 437  
6 NORTH SUNFLOWER AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF  
7 CHARTER OAK TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION,  
8 MAINTENANCE OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY APPLIED  
9 FOR BY VERIZON WIRELESS. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON  
10 THIS ITEM AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

11

12 **MITCH GLASER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD MORNING.

15

16 **MITCH GLASER:** YES, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MITCH GLASER  
17 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. TO MY RIGHT IS  
18 DIRECTOR RICHARD BRUCKNER AND PLANNER, JEANTINE NAZAR. THE  
19 MATTER BEFORE YOU IS AN APPEAL OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
20 COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY  
21 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CHARTER OAK. THIS  
22 MATTER WAS FIRST CONSIDERED BY A HEARING OFFICER ON JUNE 16,  
23 2015. THE HEARING OFFICER APPROVED THE FACILITY. THAT DECISION  
24 WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPEALED BY DAVID MONKWIT OF THE COMMUNITY.  
25 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A DE NOVO PUBLIC HEARING

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1 ON SEPTEMBER 2ND WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONTINUED TO OCTOBER  
2 28TH. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THAT HEARING, THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
3 COMMISSION DENIED THE PROJECT. THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE YOU  
4 IS AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, FIRST TO FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS  
5 STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
6 ACT GUIDELINES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15270 AND SECONDLY TO DENY  
7 THE APPEAL AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE  
8 NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF THE  
9 PROJECT. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY MEMBER  
12 OF THE BOARD WISHING TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT ON THE ITEM? IF  
13 NOT, WE'LL GO DIRECTLY TO THOSE WHO REQUEST TO BE HEARD AS A  
14 PART OF PUBLIC HEARING. MAREE HOEGER, IF YOU WOULD COME  
15 FORWARD. FOLLOWED BY PAUL ALBRITTON. DAVID LUMIQUED. ROSE  
16 UNSER-LUMIQUED. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WOULD COME FORWARD? AND JEFF  
17 KRUGER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 10 PEOPLE  
18 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. SO WE'LL BE MOVING ACCORDINGLY. SIR?  
19 YOUR NAME, SIR. I MEAN MA'AM?

20

21 **PAUL ALBRITTON:** GOOD MORNING. PAUL ALBRITTON, OUTSIDE COUNSEL-

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SORRY, ONE MOMENT. THE APPLICANT IS  
2   AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THIS JUNCTURE. AND IS  
3   HE REPRESENTING YOU? OR WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

4

5   **SPEAKER:** HE IS THE APPLICANT.

6

7   **PAUL ALBRITTON:** MY NAME IS PAUL ALBRITTON. I'M OUTSIDE COUNSEL  
8   FOR VERIZON WIRELESS. AND I HAVE WITH ME MAURY HAGGERTY OF  
9   CORE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. AND WE ARE THE APPLICANT AND THE  
10  APPELLANT THIS MORNING. GOOD MORNING, BOARD AND MR. CHAIRMAN.  
11  WE JUST CIRCULATED UP A PACKET. THIS WAS THE SAME PACKET THAT  
12  WAS SENT TO YOU TWO WEEKS AGO BY EMAIL AND WAS HAND DELIVERED  
13  TO YOU. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU HAD THE INFORMATION IN FRONT  
14  OF YOU. ON TOP OF THE PACKET ARE THREE PAGES I PULLED FROM THE  
15  PACKET WHICH I WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT TODAY. I AM AN ATTORNEY  
16  FOR VERIZON WIRELESS. BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU I LEFT MY ARMOR  
17  AND MY SWORD AT HOME TODAY AND I COME OFFERING AN OLIVE  
18  BRANCH.

19

20  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DON'T DISAPPOINT US, ALL RIGHT?

21  [LAUGHTER.]

22

23  **PAUL ALBRITTON:** I COULD GO GET THEM. AND FUNDAMENTALLY VERIZON  
24  WIRELESS BELIEVES THAT IT HAS DEMONSTRATED A SIGNIFICANT GAP  
25  IN ITS 4G L.T.E. COVERAGE AND CAPACITY IN THE AREA OF CHARTER

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1 OAKS, AN AREA OF ABOUT 3.8 SQUARE MILES, ENCOMPASSING 16,000  
2 RESIDENTS AND ROADWAYS THAT HAVE 20,000 VEHICLE TRIPS PER DAY.  
3 IT ALSO FEELS THAT THERE IS A-- COVERAGE MAP ATTACHED THAT  
4 COMES FROM OUR EXHIBIT D, WHICH IS A FULL DESCRIPTION FROM OUR  
5 R.F. ENGINEER OF THE GAP, BUT SHOWS THE 3.8 SQUARE MILES WHERE  
6 VERIZON WIRELESS BELIEVES THERE'S A GAP IN COVERAGE AND  
7 CAPACITY. VERIZON WIRELESS ALSO BELIEVES THAT THROUGH AN  
8 EXHAUSTIVE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS, IT HAS IDENTIFIED THE LEAST  
9 INTRUSIVE MEANS OF FILLING THIS GAP. I'VE INCLUDED FROM OUR  
10 EXHIBIT F THE MAP OF ALTERNATIVES THAT VERIZON WIRELESS HAS  
11 REVIEWED, AND THEY ARE FULLY DOCUMENTED IN THIS PACKET. HAVING  
12 MADE THOSE TWO PRIMA FACIE EVIDENTIARY FINDINGS, VERIZON  
13 WIRELESS BELIEVES THAT THE FEDERAL LAW WILL PRE-EMPT DECISIONS  
14 WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTY CODE, WITH RESPECT TO THIS  
15 APPLICATION, AND REQUIRE APPROVAL IN ORDER TO AVOID A  
16 PROHIBITION OR DENIAL OF SERVICE. YOU ARE ABOUT TO HEAR A  
17 GREAT DEAL OF TESTIMONY FROM RESIDENTS WHO ARE UNHAPPY WITH  
18 THE DESIGN, AND WILL PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THEIR PHONES WORK  
19 OR THAT THERE IS A GAP, OR THAT THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVES.  
20 WE DON T THINK YOU SHOULD BE PUT IN THE POSITION OF BEING AN  
21 R.F. ENGINEER AND MAKING THE DECISIONS WITHOUT BEING INFORMED.  
22 SO OUR RECOMMENDATION, OUR REQUEST IS THAT YOU REFER THIS  
23 PROJECT BACK TO PLANNING AND ASK FOR A THIRD-PARTY ENGINEER, A  
24 QUALIFIED, REGISTERED, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IN THE STATE OF  
25 CALIFORNIA- VERIZON WIRELESS WILL PAY THE BILL-- GET AN

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1 INDEPENDENT ENGINEER TO REVIEW THE ENGINEERING OF VERIZON  
2 WIRELESS TO REVIEW OUR WORK IN IDENTIFYING THE LEAST INTRUSIVE  
3 ALTERNATIVE, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OUR DATA IS ACCURATE AND  
4 BASED ON THAT, AN INFORMED EXPERT OPINION, THAT YOU COULD THEN  
5 MAKE YOUR DECISION WHETHER YOU FEEL THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE  
6 MOVED FORWARD OR BE DENIED. WE DON'T THINK IN THE FEW MINUTES  
7 THAT WE HAVE THAT WE CAN EXPLAIN ALL OF THE ENGINEERING OR  
8 THAT YOU SHOULD BE OBLIGATED TO UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE  
9 ENGINEERING THAT GOES INTO THIS KIND OF DESIGN OR THE REVIEW  
10 OF THE ALTERNATIVES OR THE COVERAGE MAPS WE PROVIDED FOR THE  
11 ALTERNATIVES. SO WE ARE PROPOSING THIS INDEPENDENT REVIEW.  
12 THIS KIND OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW IS DONE UP AND DOWN THE STATE  
13 FROM ARCADIA TO WATSONVILLE. SAN FRANCISCO REQUIRES IT AS  
14 SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENT, AND WE THINK IT'S NECESSARY FOR YOU TO  
15 MAKE A REASONED DECISION TODAY, AND THAT WOULD BE OUR REQUEST.  
16 I HAVE TO SAY THAT WE FEEL THAT THIS APPLICATION IS A GOOD  
17 APPLICATION. UNTIL SEPTEMBER, PLANNING STAFF WAS RECOMMENDING  
18 THIS APPLICATION. AS YOU HEARD, THE HEARING OFFICER APPROVED  
19 THIS DESIGN, WHICH IS ON THE FRONT COVER PAGE A, THAT I  
20 PROVIDED. AND THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER PHOTO SIMULATIONS IN THE  
21 PACKET UNDER A. IT IS IN KEEPING WITH YOUR WIRELESS POLICY,  
22 CAMOUFLAGED TO LOOK LIKE A MONUMENT SIGN TOWER FOR A CHURCH.  
23 TO THE CASUAL OBSERVER, IT WOULD NOT BE A WIRELESS FACILITY OR  
24 APPEAR TO BE A WIRELESS FACILITY. IT IS IN A PARCEL THAT HAS  
25 BEEN ZONED AGRICULTURAL AND ALLOWS FOR THIS TYPE OF FACILITY

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1 WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. IT'S BELOW THE HEIGHT THAT  
2 WOULD BE ALLOWED. THAT'S OUR REQUEST TODAY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
5 THE NEXT SPEAKER, MA'AM, DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

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7 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **PAUL ALBRITTON:** WE'D BE HAPPY TO COME UP AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HOW ABOUT  
12 DAVID LUMIQUED? IS THAT YOU, SIR?

13

14 **DAVID LUMIQUED:** YES. MY NAME IS DAVID LUMIQUED. I'M A RESIDENT  
15 IN THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE  
16 CHARTER OAK LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH. I WAS ADVISED I GET FOUR  
17 MINUTES OR ONLY TWO MINUTES TODAY? OKAY. BEING A RESIDENT IN  
18 THIS COMMUNITY, WE SIDED WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
19 COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO DENY THIS APPLICATION, AND TO UPHOLD  
20 THE APPEAL FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE. THE BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS, WE ASK THAT WE HAVE OVER 465 LETTERS FROM  
22 RESIDENTS AGAINST THE CELL TOWER AND OVER 794 PETITION  
23 SIGNATURES AGAINST THE CELL TOWER. 1,200 PLUS RESIDENTS  
24 AGAINST THIS CELL TOWER. SO WE'VE DONE A CAMPAIGN AND WE HAVE  
25 A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE AGAINST THIS CELL TOWER SITE. SO

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1 SINCE I AM LIMITED ON TIME, I'M GOING TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE  
2 NUMBER 1 REASON WHY THIS SHOULD BE DENIED, IS I'VE GIVEN YOU  
3 INFORMATION SHOWING WHAT THE CELL TOWER, THEY CALL IT, IS  
4 GOING TO LOOK LIKE IN OUR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU CAN  
5 SEE HERE FROM SOME OF THE PICTURES. I'M JUST GOING TO GO TO  
6 THE MAIN ONE. THIS IS ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO LIVES RIGHT  
7 BEHIND THE CHURCH. IT SHOWS YOU THE MIDDLE SECTION IS 46 FEET  
8 WHICH THE CELL TOWER SITE IS DESIGNED TO BE 46 FEET. THE  
9 REASON WHY I SHOW THIS HIGHER IS BECAUSE IN THE FUTURE, IT CAN  
10 GO TO 66 FEET, WHICH IS THE UGLIEST THING IN THE AREA. NONE OF  
11 THE HOMES HAVE ANYTHING AT THIS HEIGHT. SO WE AS RESIDENTS ARE  
12 STANDING BY AND LETTING YOU KNOW THAT BECAUSE OF THE 2012 ACT,  
13 THE TAX RECONCILIATION ACT, THE SPECTRUM ACT, THEY CAN RAISE  
14 THE TOWER 20 FEET ONCE THIS IS APPROVED. SO 46 FEET IS 66 FEET  
15 WHEN IT COMES TO US IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THIS IS NOT  
16 ACCEPTABLE. IT'S GOING TO HURT MY PROPERTY VALUES. AND WE  
17 DON'T WANT IT. SO THIS IS THE NUMBER 1 REASON WHY WE CAME OUT  
18 TODAY. BUT ADDITIONAL IF YOU LOOK AT THIS PICTURE, THERE ARE  
19 UGLY WATER TANKS. THERE ARE FOUR UGLY WATER TANKS ALREADY IN  
20 THIS AREA. SO YOU'RE GOING TO SUBJECT US TO UGLY WATER TANKS  
21 AND ANOTHER 46 TO 66-FOOT CELL TOWER. PLEASE DENY THE  
22 APPLICATION. AND DENY THE APPEAL. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
25 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, MA'AM?



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2 **ROSE UNSER-LUMIQUED:** HI, MY NAME IS ROSE UNSER-LUMIQUED, 7-  
3 YEAR RESIDENT IN SAN DIMAS NEXT TO THE CHARTER OAK LIGHTHOUSE  
4 CHURCH. ONCE THIS APPLICATION WAS INTRODUCED TO OUR COMMUNITY,  
5 IT'S CAUSED NOTHING BUT PROBLEMS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE  
6 VIEW THE THREE INCIDENT REPORTS IN THE DOCUMENTATION SUPPLIED  
7 AS A REFERENCE POINT. I AM THE CLOSEST HOME TO THE CHURCH AND  
8 I HAVE EXPERIENCED NOTHING BUT ILL WILL, CONFRONTATION,  
9 VANDALISM AND THEFT. JULY 12, 2015, SUNDAY, MY POOL EQUIPMENT  
10 WAS VANDALIZED AND DAMAGED. THIS REPAIR AND WATER LOSS AMOUNTS  
11 TO \$1,000. THIS HAPPENED THE SAME NIGHT AFTER OUR PROTEST  
12 AGAINST THE CELL TOWER. ON JULY 19, 2015, A SUNDAY, MY LEXUS  
13 WAS VANDALIZED IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH BY ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS.  
14 IT WAS THE OWNER OF A WHITE S.U.V. THAT PARKED BEHIND MY CAR  
15 TO BLOCK OUR SIGNAGE. IMMEDIATELY UPON DRIVING MY CAR HOME AND  
16 PARKING, MY HUSBAND DAVID WAS CONFRONTED BY JOE THE GARDENER'S  
17 SON IN FRONT OF OUR HOME. ALL ON VIDEO. ARE ALL THESE  
18 COINCIDENCE? I THINK NOT. ON AUGUST 26, 2015, WEDNESDAY,  
19 CHURCH MUSIC DIRECTOR, LEROY OSBORNE, WAS CAUGHT STEALING A  
20 SIGN BY NEIGHBOR, JEFF KRUGER. HE WAS TOLD TO RETURN THE  
21 SIGNAGE WHICH HE PROCEEDED TO JAM THE SIGN BACK INTO THE CAR  
22 AND SCRATCHING THE DRIVER'S SIDE OF THE DOOR OF NEIGHBOR IYAD.  
23 I WITNESSED THE VANDALISM. I KNOW THE CHURCH KNEW ABOUT THE  
24 THEFT AND VANDALISM BECAUSE LEROY WAS ON THEIR WEBSITE. AFTER  
25 THE INCIDENT, THE NEXT WEEK HE WAS OFF. I WITNESSED IYAD'S

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1 WIFE BEING SCARED OF RETALIATION. NO APOLOGY BY LEROY OR THE  
2 CHURCH. THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT SAYS THIS PROJECT WILL NOT  
3 AFFECT THE PEACE, COMFORT OF PEOPLE RESIDING IN THE AREA. IT  
4 DOES 100 PERCENT OF THE THINGS IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO DO. DENY  
5 THIS APPEAL AND DENY THE CELL TOWER APPLICATION. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL  
8 MOVE NOW TO JEFF KRUEGER, FOLLOWED BY KEN LOCKWOOD. THEN JOSE  
9 DIAZ. AND DAN MCMEEKIN. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE? SIR?

10

11 **JEFF KRUGER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JEFF KRUGER. I LIVE AT  
12 1865 NOTTINGHAM LANE, ONE HOUSE EAST OF THE CHURCH. I IMPLORE  
13 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE FINDINGS OF THE  
14 PLANNING COMMISSION. WHEN I PURCHASED MY HOME IN 1980, WE  
15 SELECTED OUR HOUSE BECAUSE IT WAS IN A NICE SECLUDED AREA WITH  
16 GREAT VIEWS OF THE MOUNTAINS, AND ACROSS THE STREET WAS THE  
17 WALNUT CREEK WILDERNESS AREA. THE COMMUNITY HAS A MASTER PLAN  
18 WHICH REQUIRES APPROVALS OF CHANGES WHICH MAY IMPACT OTHER  
19 RESIDENTS. AS PART OF THE PLAN, UTILITIES ARE UNDERGROUND AND  
20 THE WILDERNESS AREA IS NOT TO BE DEVELOPED. IF THE TOWER IS  
21 BUILT, I WILL BE LOOKING OUT FROM THE BACK OF MY HOME AT A  
22 LARGE UGLY COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RESIDENTIAL  
23 NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE IS COMMERCIAL ZONING 1.3 MILES AWAY FOR  
24 SUCH STRUCTURES. A TOWER IS OUT OF PROPORTION IN HEIGHT TO ALL  
25 SURROUNDING STRUCTURES. I AM PROHIBITED FROM PLACING A T.V.

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1 ANTENNA ON MY ROOF BECAUSE IT IS UNSIGHTLY, YET THE CHURCH  
2 MADE NO ATTEMPT PRIOR TO SIGNING THE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON TO  
3 REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY TO SEE IF A TOWER WOULD BE  
4 ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY. AFTER THE COMMISSION HEARINGS,  
5 THE CHURCH TOLD THE RESIDENTS THAT THE CELL TOWER WAS DEAD.  
6 NOW THIS APPEAL. MANY RESIDENTS HAVE VOICED THEIR OBJECTIONS  
7 TO THE TOWER. EVEN THOUGH VERIZON COULD NOT PROVE THE TOWER  
8 WAS NEEDED, THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO SUPPORT IT. MUCH PLANNING  
9 HAS GONE INTO MAKING OUR COMMUNITY A DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE  
10 AND RAISE OUR FAMILIES. THIS ATTEMPT TO MAKE A QUICK BUCK AT  
11 THE COMMUNITY'S EXPENSE IS A DIRECT OPPOSITION TO ALL THE  
12 EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A PLACE PEOPLE  
13 WANT TO LIVE IN. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS WILL STRONGLY WEIGH THESE OBJECTIONS AND VOTE TO  
15 SUPPORT THE PLANNING COMMISSION FINDINGS. THANK YOU.

16  
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL  
18 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

19  
20 **KEN LOCKWOOD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KEN LOCKWOOD I'M HERE  
21 TO OPPOSE THE PROJECT AND ASK YOU TO VOTE NO ON THE CELL TOWER  
22 NIGHTMARE. I RESIDE WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE PROPOSED VERIZON  
23 CELL TOWER TO BE LOCATED AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH WHERE MY  
24 WIFE AND I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I WAS TAUGHT A  
25 THREE-TIER TEST OF CONDUCT AS A CHILD, AN AS AN ADULT, THAT

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1 REQUIRES SOMETHING TO BE MORAL, LEGAL AND ETHICAL. I BELIEVE  
2 THE VERIZON HAS FAILED IN ALL THREE OF THESE TIERS IN RESPECT  
3 TO THIS PROJECT. VERIZON SUBMITTED PAPERWORK FOR THIS PROJECT,  
4 THEY REFERRED TO THE CHURCH AS HAVING AGRICULTURAL 1 ZONING.  
5 AND USED THIS LOOPHOLE TO ATTEMPT TO SLIP THIS UNSIGHTLY CELL  
6 TOWER INTO OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH IS RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD  
7 AND ZONED R-1. THE PROPERTY THAT THE PROPOSED TOWER WOULD BE  
8 LOCATED ON IS ZONE A-1, BUT THIS IS AN ANOMALY IN THIS AREA.  
9 IT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS AN ISLAND OF A-1 IN AN OCEAN OF R-1  
10 ZONING. AS SUCH THE TOWER SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. THIS IS AN  
11 INTERESTING DEFINITION FOR A LOCATION THAT WAS A DIRT AND  
12 RECOVERED LOT AND IS NOW A CHURCH AND HAS NOT HAD AGRICULTURAL  
13 USE FOR OVER 30 YEARS. OTHER HOMES ON NOTTINGHAM AND SHERWOOD  
14 WERE BUILT IN 1980 AND HAVE BEEN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES FOR  
15 OVER 36 YEARS. I DON'T SEE HOW A 46-FOOT HIGH CELL TOWER OR  
16 EVEN A 66-FOOT HIGH CELL TOWER DUE TO COLLOCATION IS GOING TO  
17 FIT WELL WITHIN OUR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY. THE TOWERS WILL BE  
18 HIGHER THAN THE CHURCH AND VISIBLE FOR MILES AROUND ANYWHERE  
19 OUR NEIGHBORHOOD OR OUR COMMUNITY. VERIZON COULD USE MANY  
20 TOWERS MOUNTED ON LIGHT POLES OR TRISIGNALS BUT THEY WOULD NOT  
21 BE ABLE TO SELL THEM FOR A PROFIT. VERIZON WAS MISLEADING ON  
22 SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THEIR APPLICATION. DO NOT REWARD THEM WITH  
23 THIS TOWER. VOTE NO. THE BOARD VOTED ON MARCH 24, 2015 TO STOP  
24 INSTALLATION OF 177 TOWERS ON L.A. COUNTY FIRE STATIONS. I'M

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1 REQUESTING YOU VOTE NO AGAIN ON THIS PROJECT LIKE THE R.P.C.

2 ALSO HAS DONE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

5 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER FOLLOWED BY

6 CHANG WEISBERG, ERIC PREVEN HECTOR SANTILLAN. IN THAT ORDER,

7 GENTLEMEN. SIR YOUR NAME.

8

9 **JOSE DIAZ:** JOSE, RESIDENT OF CITY OF COVINA FOR 8 YEARS AND

10 L.A. COUNTY FOR ABOUT 32. I'M GOING TO READ JUST A PIECE OF AN

11 EMAIL THAT WAS SENT. IT WAS ADDRESSED TO MR. LUMIQUED WHO JUST

12 SPOKE. "I REINSPECTED THE PROPERTY YESTERDAY AND SAW THE

13 STORAGE CONTAINERS ARE STILL PRESENT ON THE PROPERTY. I WILL

14 BE SENDING THE FINAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION OUT EITHER TODAY OR

15 EARLY NEXT WEEK. THE CHURCH STILL HAS THE OPTION TO LEGALIZE

16 THE CONTAINERS IF POSSIBLE--" THAT'S IN PARENTHESES-- "OR TO

17 REMOVE THEM." THIS WAS SENT FROM MR. ANTHONY RICHARDSON,

18 PLANNER ZONING ENFORCEMENT EAST. THE REASON WHY I'M BRINGING

19 THIS UP IS BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THE SIZE OF THE CHURCH,

20 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE 78 PARKING SPACES WHICH THEY ONLY

21 HAVE 68. AND THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE MORE HANDICAP SPACES,

22 THEY ONLY HAVE TWO, ONES THAT ARE JUST BARELY VISIBLE. THEY

23 HAVE A COUPLE OF STORAGE UNITS THAT ARE ILLEGALLY PLACED ON

24 THEIR LOT, WHICH WILL THEN BRING THEIR PARKING SPACES TO ABOUT

25 66. AND IF THEY GO AHEAD AND PUT ON THIS TOWER THERE, OR THE

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1 ANTENNA, THEY'RE GOING TO BRING IT DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY 62  
2 AND MAKING IT ILLEGAL, BASICALLY. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT MY  
3 TAXES JUST RECENTLY WENT UP AND THAT WAS DUE TO-- BECAUSE OF  
4 THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUE. BY INSTALLING THIS UGLY TOWER--  
5 - AND BY THE WAY, I LIVE A COUPLE OF BLOCKS AWAY FROM IT--  
6 INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT THE BEAUTIFUL SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS AND  
7 MT. BALDY, I'M GOING TO BE LOOKING AT AN UGLY TOWER. WE MOVED  
8 OUT THERE WITH MY WIFE RAISING A FAMILY. WE LOOKED FOR A  
9 BEAUTIFUL AREA. AND I DON'T WANT TO HAVE IT JEOPARDIZED NOW BY  
10 THIS UGLY THING. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
13 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD  
16 DISTRICT. AND I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THE TESTIMONY TODAY. AND  
17 I DID A LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH INTO THE W.T.F., WHICH THOSE IN  
18 THE AUDIENCE KNOW THAT W.T.F. IS THE OFFICIAL TERM FOR THIS  
19 ITEM, WHICH IS A WIRELESS TRANSMITTER SOMETHING. IT IS ALSO A  
20 NAME THE POPULATION USED TO DESCRIBE OUTRAGE. AND IN THIS  
21 PARTICULAR CASE, THE COMMUNITY HAS VOCALIZED ITS OPPOSITION I  
22 THINK ADMIRABLY. I THINK THAT TO PUT A 46-FOOT CROSS, I CAN  
23 SEE IT HERE IN SOME OF THESE DRAWINGS, ON A CHURCH MAKES A  
24 DEGREE OF SENSE IF IT'S NOT CONTROVERSIAL AND EVERYBODY  
25 SUPPORTS IT. BUT IF IT'S CONTROVERSIAL AND HAS BROUGHT OUT SO

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1 MANY SIGNATURES IN OPPOSITION, I THINK ONE HAS TO REALLY STUDY  
2 WHAT IS THE MOTIVATION THERE? HOW IS IT ENHANCING THE  
3 COMMUNITY? I'VE NOT HEARD ONE PERSON COME DOWN HERE AND SAY,  
4 "WE DON'T HAVE SERVICE, WE NEED SERVICE." I HEARD THE VERIZON  
5 GUY, WHO IS A CHARMING CHAP, I MUST YOU THAT, AN ATTORNEY COME  
6 DOWN HERE AND EXPLAIN THAT THE FEDERAL LAW WILL SUPPORT THEM  
7 IN THE END AND KINDLY RECONSIDER, GET AN IMPARTIAL ENGINEER.  
8 WE HAVE ENGINEERS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE STUDIED THIS, I  
9 ASSUME. SO I THINK THAT THE BOARD WHO DENIED THE APPLICANT AND  
10 THEN DENIED THE APPEAL AND ARE GIVING THIS GUY ONE MORE CHANCE  
11 BECAUSE NOBODY LOVES DUE PROCESS MORE THAN MAYOR ANTONOVICH  
12 AND MAYOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TODAY, TEMPORARILY ACTING MAYOR. THANK  
13 YOU. OH, EASY, SIR. SO MY RECOMMENDATION IS TO LISTEN TO THE  
14 FOLKS WHO CAME DOWN HERE AND EXPRESSED W.T.F. ABOUT THE  
15 W.T.F., AND LET'S MOVE FORWARD.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR THE TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
18 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **CHANG WEISBURG:** MY NAME IS CHANG WEISBURG. I'M A RESIDENT OF  
21 SAN DIMAS SINCE 1999. I'M BEEN BORN AND RAISED IN THE COUNTY  
22 OF LOS ANGELES SINCE 1973. WE'VE BEEN VIGOROUSLY FIGHTING THIS  
23 CELL TOWER AND IT HAS CAUSED THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE  
24 RESIDENCES A LOT OF PAIN AND SUFFERING. WE HAVE PROTESTED. I  
25 REMIND EVERYBODY, IN 105 HEAT ON A CONSISTENT BASIS GOING OUT



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1 TO GET EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE SIGNATURES. BUT FACTUALLY  
2 VERIZON HAS COMPLETELY MANIPULATED AND FAILED AT PRESENTING A  
3 PROPER APPLICATION. THE GAP IN COVERAGE, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY  
4 NO GAP IN COVERAGE. I AM A VERIZON CUSTOMER. I HAVE HAD A  
5 PHONE THERE. I'VE HAD MY PHONE FOR OVER 10 YEARS. I HAVE NEVER  
6 COMPLAINED ONCE ABOUT COVERAGE. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT GAP. I  
7 PROVIDED AMPLE EVIDENCE. I AM NOT AN ENGINEER. I USED OUR  
8 PHONE AND TOOK VIDEO. AND I WAS ABLE TO TALK, TEXT AND USE  
9 YOUTUBE SUCCESSFULLY AT MULTIPLE SITES ACROSS THE 3 SQUARE  
10 MILES. AND I WILL CITE THAT I ASK THE BOARD TO PLEASE MAKE A  
11 DECISION TODAY. DO NOT LET THIS THING GO ANY FURTHER. YOUR  
12 PRESIDENT OF THE R.P.C. SAID THAT IN OVER 20 YEARS, HE'S NEVER  
13 CITED AGAINST THE SELL TOWER UNTIL NOW. AND THERE ARE OTHER  
14 AMPLE COLLOCATION SITES THAT ARE AVAILABLE. THERE ARE 5 CELL  
15 TOWERS WITHIN A MILE AND A QUARTER OF OUR SITE. AND THERE'S  
16 ALSO ANOTHER CELL TOWER THAT'S ON LA CIENEGA WHICH IS LESS  
17 THAN HALF A MILE AWAY WHERE VERIZON COULD ACCOMPLISH WHATEVER  
18 THEY NEED. IF THAT'S NOT A GOOD ENOUGH STANDARD. D.A.S.  
19 ALREADY EXISTS IN COVINA AND SAN DIMAS, BUT VERIZON WILL TELL  
20 YOU THEY CAN'T AFFORD THAT. AND \$5 BILLION FOR THE AMERICAN  
21 TOWERS FOR THE RIGHTS TO THESE TOWERS? I THINK THEY HAVE  
22 ENOUGH MONEY TO DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO ACCOMPLISH WHATEVER  
23 IT IS WITH DATA OR GAPS. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT COLLOCATION  
24 OPPORTUNITIES AND VERIZON'S BEEN VERY MANIPULATIVE WITH THEIR  
25 INFORMATION AND THIRD-PARTY MAPS.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE  
3 APPRECIATE IT. WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER AND FOLLOWING  
4 WILL BE ROSA GALVAN. ALL RIGHT. THERE GOES YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IYAD SARSOOR. PILAR WEISBERG. JAMES  
6 WEISBERG. EUGENE KIM IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. YOUR NAME, SIR?

7

8 **HECTOR SANTILLAN:** MY NAME IS HECTOR SANTILLAN.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PLEASE PROCEED.

11

12 **HECTOR SANTILLAN:** I'M A 44-YEAR RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. AND  
13 I'M CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE CITY OF COVINA. I'M HERE TO TALK  
14 ABOUT THE PROJECT SITE THAT PROVIDES ABOUT 66 PARKING SPACES,  
15 AND THE PROJECT WILL DECREASE THE PARKING TO 64 SPACES. BASED  
16 ON THE CURRENT PARKING STANDARDS, ONE OF THE SPACES FOR FIVE  
17 OCCUPANTS THE CHURCH REQUIRES, 78 PARKING SPACES FOR 390  
18 OCCUPANTS. THEREFORE THE PROJECT SITE DOES NOT MEET THE  
19 CURRENT PARKING STANDARDS AND A DECREASE IN THE PARKING SPACES  
20 RESULTING THE PROJECT WILL EXACERBATE THIS CONDITION. THE  
21 PROJECT WILL HAVE NEGATIVE VISUAL AND AESTHETIC IMPACTS ON THE  
22 ADJACENT PROPERTIES. THE W.T.F. IS NOT INTEGRATED INTO THE  
23 EXISTING CHURCH BUILDING AND WOULD BE PLACED IN A SEPARATE  
24 STEEL TRELLIS FRAME IN ADDITION TO THIS 46-FOOT HIGH STEEL  
25 TRELLIS FRAME EXCEEDS THE HEIGHT OF AN EXISTING CHURCH

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1 BUILDING AND OTHER SURROUNDING BUILDINGS, WHICH ARE SUBJECTED  
2 TO 35-FOOT HEIGHT LIMIT IN A-1 AND R-1 ZONES. EXISTING WATER  
3 TANKS IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROJECT SITE HAVE NEGATIVE AND  
4 VISUAL AESTHETIC IMPACTS OF THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES AND THE  
5 ADDITION TO THE PROJECT THAT WILL EXACERBATE THESE IMPACTS.  
6 AND THE PROJECT WILL HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON THE PROPERTY  
7 VALUES AND THE ABILITY OF EXISTING RESIDENTS TO SELL THEIR  
8 HOMES. IN WRITTEN AND ORAL TESTIMONY, REALTORS STATED THAT THE  
9 PROSPECTIVE BUYERS OF THE HOMES HAVE TERMINATED PURCHASE  
10 AGREEMENTS WHEN THEY BECOME AWARE OF A W.T.F. IN THE IMMEDIATE  
11 VICINITY. I'M HERE TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DENY THE  
12 APPEAL AND DENY THE APPLICATION FOR THE CELL TOWER. I'M  
13 AGAINST THE CELL TOWER AT CHARTER OAK LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH. THANK  
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL  
17 PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

18

19 **ROSA GALVAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROSA GALVAN  
20 AND I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY MY ENTIRE LIFE. I  
21 WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING YOU FOR LISTENING TO OUR CONCERNS. I  
22 AM HERE THIS MORNING TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU SUPPORT  
23 US AND UPHOLD THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING  
24 COMMISSION'S DECISION TO DENY VERIZON'S PROPOSED CELL TOWER.  
25 YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD OR WILL HEAR THE TESTIMONY OF MY FELLOW

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1 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. SO I JUST WANT TO STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT  
2 I STAND IN FULL SOLIDARITY WITH THEM IN OPPOSITION TO THE CELL  
3 TOWER. I UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF YOUR DECISION TODAY WILL  
4 HAVE ON MY LIFE AND THOSE IN MY COMMUNITY. IF YOU RULE IN  
5 FAVOR OF THE TOWER, YOU WILL TAKE AWAY ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR US  
6 TO HAVE ANY SAY AS TO WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE CELL TOWER IN THE  
7 FUTURE. OUR VOICES WILL BE SILENT AND OUR RIGHTS WILL BE TAKEN  
8 AWAY. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. PLEASE REJECT THE  
9 CELL TOWER. AS A FINAL COMMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT  
10 AFTER DOING A LOT OF RESEARCH AND AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, WE  
11 HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE NO LONGER BELIEVE IN THE  
12 NEGATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM R.F. EMISSIONS, RADIATION AND  
13 E.M.F. FROM CELL TOWERS AND WIRELESS FACILITIES. AS A  
14 REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS GROUP AND AS AGREED BY ALL THE MEMBERS  
15 OF THE COMMUNITY GROUP OPPOSING THE VERIZON CELL TOWER, WE  
16 WOULD LIKE TO FORMALLY RETRACT AND STRIKE FROM PUBLIC RECORD  
17 ANY MENTION OF NEGATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM R.F. EMISSIONS,  
18 RADIATION AND E.M.F. FROM CELL TOWERS AND WIRELESS FACILITIES.  
19 AGAIN WE RETRACT ANY AND ALL MENTION ON THE PUBLIC RECORD OF  
20 NEGATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS IN VERBAL TESTIMONY DURING PUBLIC  
21 HEARINGS, IN WRITING AND IN CORRESPONDENCE. ONCE MORE, I WISH  
22 TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER AND ASK THAT  
23 YOU DENY THE PROPOSED VERIZON CELL TOWER. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
24

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
2   PLEASE.

3

4   **IYAD SARSOUR:** MY NAME IYAD SARSOUR. I AM RESIDENT OF L.A.  
5   COUNTY FOR TEN-- GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS IYAD SARSOUR. I HAVE  
6   BEEN RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY FOR 35 YEARS, 16 YEARS, THE LAST  
7   16 YEARS AT THE CURRENT LOCATION, WHICH IS 1835 NEWCASTLE  
8   LANE, JUST ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CELL TOWER. YOUR HONORS,  
9   AS RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS, MY FAMILY AND I ASK YOU, ASK THE  
10   L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DENY THIS APPEAL AND  
11   PROTECT OUR RESIDENTIAL AREA FROM VERIZON'S UGLY CELL TOWER.  
12   ON THE INITIAL HEARING, WE DID NOT GET FAIR DUE PROCESS TO  
13   PROTEST. BUT WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY DISPUTED THE CONDITIONAL USE  
14   PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT AND APPROVED TO THE REGIONAL BOARD OF  
15   PLANNERS ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS THAT THE UGLY CELL TOWER HAS NO  
16   LEGITIMATE NEED OR BENEFIT TO OUR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY. THE  
17   INSTALLATION OF THE UGLY CELL TOWER IN OUR RESIDENTIAL  
18   COMMUNITY ALREADY VIOLATED THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. IT  
19   ALREADY CREATED FRICTION BETWEEN THE CHURCH MEMBERS, WHO MOST  
20   OF THEM DO NOT LIVE IN THE AREA, AND THE COMMUNITY AND OUR  
21   RESIDENTS. VERIZON USES ITS FINANCIAL POWERS TO TRY TO BULLY  
22   US AND SUPPRESS OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. THEY HAVE  
23   ENCOURAGED CHURCH MEMBERS TO VIDEO OUR PEACEFUL PROJECT AND  
24   SUE US. RIGHT NOW THERE IS A SUIT AGAINST US IN L.A. COUNTY  
25   SUPERIOR COURT BECAUSE OF OUR PROTESTS WHEN WE WERE GATHERING

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1 SIGNATURES. THE VERIZON CELL TOWER PROJECT HAS NO PLACE IN OUR  
2 RESIDENTIAL AREA. AND IT'S ALREADY HARMED US. PLEASE PROTECT  
3 OUR COMMUNITY AND DENY THE APPEAL OF VERIZON. THANK YOU VERY  
4 MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
7 THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **PILAR WEISBERG:** HI, MY NAME IS PILAR WEISBERG. I LIVE ACROSS  
10 THE STREET FROM THE PROPOSED CELL TOWER SITE AT THE CHARTER  
11 LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH. I'M HERE TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
12 DENY THE APPEAL AND DENY THE APPLICATION FOR THE CELL TOWER.  
13 I'M AGAINST THE CELL TOWER AT CHARTER OAK LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH.  
14 I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE ALTERNATIVE SITES LISTED IN THE  
15 APPLICATION. THE WATER TANKS ON THE NORTH SITE OF PADILLA  
16 PROHIBIT GROUND BUILT FACILITIES IN THE PROPERTY ZONE, SO THAT  
17 IN REALITY IS NOT AN ALTERNATIVE SITE. CHRIST CHURCH OF THE  
18 VALLEY ON COVINA AND VALLEY CENTER WAS ANOTHER UNACCEPTABLE  
19 SITE BECAUSE THE STEEPLE WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE REBUILT AND  
20 REINFORCED, AND IT WOULD HAVE INCURRED INCREASED COSTS. GLEN  
21 OAK ELEMENTARY ON SUNFLOWER WAS ALSO REJECTED BECAUSE VERIZON  
22 DOESN'T ENGAGE IN DEVELOPMENT ON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTIES.  
23 ALSO SAN DIMAS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL REJECTED THEIR PROPOSAL  
24 OUTRIGHT. SO IN CONCLUSION, THESE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE SITES  
25 ARE IN REALITY ARE NOT EVEN ALTERNATIVE SITES. THERE ARE FIVE

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1 COLLOCATION CELL TOWERS WITHIN A MILE THAT WOULD BE BETTER  
2 ALTERNATIVE SITES. PLEASE DENY THE APPEAL FOR THIS APPLICATION  
3 FOR THIS UGLY CELL TOWER. IT WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE  
4 COMMUNITY. IT WILL LOOM OVER US AND DESTROY THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW  
5 OF THE MOUNTAINS AND WILL BE SEEN FROM OUR BEAUTIFUL MIKE  
6 ANTONOVICH TRAIL. IT WILL BE A BLIGHT ON OUR BEAUTIFUL  
7 COMMUNITY TO HAVE AN UGLY CELL TOWER ACROSS THE STREET AND IN  
8 SOME CASES RIGHT IN OUR BACKYARDS. SO PLEASE AGAIN DENY THE  
9 APPEAL AND APPLICATION FOR THIS UGLY CELL TOWER AT CHARTER OAK  
10 LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT  
13 SPEAKER. YOU WERE DOING FINE UNTIL YOU INVOKED THAT TRAIL AND  
14 THE NAME THAT ATTACHED TO IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]  
15 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **JAMES WEISBERG:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS JAMES WEISBERG. I'M  
18 A SENIOR AT CHARTER OAK HIGH SCHOOL AND SOON TO BE FRESHMAN IN  
19 COLLEGE. I HAVE LIVED IN MY HOUSE WHICH IS A COUPLE HOUSES  
20 DOWN FROM THE CHURCH FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS. WE HAVE NEVER  
21 ENCOUNTERED ANY PROBLEMS OR ENCOUNTERS WITH THE CHURCH, WITH  
22 THE NEIGHBORING CHURCH. THIS CELL TOWER IS RELATIVELY-- BEING  
23 A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, I PROBABLY USE MY PHONE MORE THAN  
24 ANYBODY. I'M ALWAYS ON IT, AND I'VE NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS.  
25 THE SIGNAL OR USE AROUND MY COMMUNITY OR AROUND MY HOUSE. THIS



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1 CELL TOWER PROPOSITION HAS BEEN A NIGHTMARE IN MY HOUSEHOLD  
2 AND IN OUR COMMUNITY. MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS BEAUTIFUL AND SERENE,  
3 FILLING MY CHILDHOOD WITH HIKE IN THE MIKE ANTONOVICH TRAILS  
4 WITH MY FRIENDS, AND RIDING MY BIKE WITH MY LITTLE BROTHER  
5 AROUND THE CHURCH ITSELF. I DON'T WANT TO GO OFF TO COLLEGE  
6 REMEMBERING MY BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL NEIGHBORHOOD AND  
7 COMMUNITY WITH A REVOLTING AND UNSIGHTLY CELL TOWER. WITH  
8 THAT, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE DENY  
9 THE APPEAL AND PROPOSITION OF THE CELL TOWER TO END THIS  
10 NIGHTMARE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. REPEAT OFFENDER, I  
13 SEE. THANK YOU, PROCEED, SIR.

14

15 **EUGENE KIM:** MY NAME IS EUGENE KIM. I'M THE PROPERTY MANAGER  
16 FOR OAK CREST HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE  
17 SITE. I'M HERE ALSO TO OPPOSE THE CELL TOWER AS WELL AS  
18 REQUEST THAT THE APPEAL BE DENIED. I'M HERE PRIMARILY TO TALK  
19 ABOUT I GUESS THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF HAVING A CELL TOWER. WE  
20 MANAGE OVER 30 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, OVER A THOUSAND  
21 HOMES. AND WE'VE SEEN WHAT KIND OF AN IMPACT A CELL TOWER HAS  
22 ON THE FINANCIAL VALUE OF PROPERTIES, ESPECIALLY RESIDENTIAL  
23 PROPERTIES. SO THERE WAS A STUDY DONE BY DR. SANDRA VAUGHN.  
24 AND SHE BASICALLY FOUND THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THE CELL TOWER  
25 WILL REDUCE THE PROPERTY VALUES FROM 2 TO 20 PERCENT DEPENDING

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1 ON HOW CLOSE THE PROPERTY IS TO THE CELL TOWER. THAT'S  
2 PRIMARILY BASED ON TWO DIFFERENT FACTORS. ONE IS THE STIGMA  
3 ASSOCIATED WITH AN ADVERSE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES. AND THE SECOND  
4 IS THE AESTHETICS, AND BOTH I CAN PERSONALLY ATTEST TO HAVING  
5 GOTTEN COMMENTS GENERALLY ABOUT BOTH OF THOSE THINGS  
6 THROUGHOUT ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT ASSOCIATIONS. IN THIS  
7 PARTICULAR CASE, I THINK THAT AESTHETICS ARE DEFINITELY A  
8 FACTOR TO CONSIDER. THE PROPOSED SITE HERE HAS A CHURCH AND  
9 HAS THE ACTUAL CELL TOWER AS A SEPARATE STRUCTURE. THERE IS NO  
10 OTHER CHURCHES IN THE AREA THAT HAVE A SEPARATE STRUCTURE LIKE  
11 THAT. SO IT REALLY DOESN'T CONFORM TO NOT ONLY THE RESIDENTIAL  
12 AREA BUT OTHER CHURCHES AND IT REALLY STICKS OUT, ESPECIALLY  
13 IN LIGHT OF ITS HEIGHT. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO CONCLUDE THAT  
14 I'M HERE AS THE PROPERTY MANAGER. AND THAT THIS CELL TOWER CAN  
15 HAVE ADVERSE FINANCIAL RAMIFICATIONS AS IT PERTAINS TO THE  
16 VALUE OF THE PROPERTIES. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THERE ARE  
19 TWO REMAINING SPEAKERS. RUTH SARNOFF AND DAN MCMEEKIN.

20

21 **RUTH SARNOFF:** MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. I WANT TO REMIND YOU  
22 THAT I BELIEVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND I'M NOT SURE WHETHER  
23 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT-- BUT I THINK BOTH AT THE BEGINNING OF  
24 THE TESTIMONY AROUND THE CELL TOWERS, WERE VERY OPPOSED AND I  
25 THINK THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS STILL EXCLUDED. AND I THINK THEIR

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1 PLACEMENT NEAR SCHOOLS AND A LOT OF OTHER PLACES IS REALLY  
2 JUST ONE MORE A FORM OF POLLUTION. WHY DO YOU THINK THEY TELL  
3 US TO NOT PUT YOUR CELL PHONE RIGHT UP TO YOUR EAR AND TO USE  
4 EAR PLUGS WHEN WE USE OUR CELL PHONES. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
5 VERY STRONG STUFF. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SOLUTION IS, BUT  
6 I THINK THERE SHOULD BE PERHAPS SOME THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT  
7 PREVENTATIVE STRATEGIES NEED TO BE USED IN RELATION TO THIS.  
8 SO I'M JUST SPEAKING AS ANOTHER PERSON THAT WOULD KNOW HOW  
9 PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT IT. AND A LOT OF PLACES THEY TALK ABOUT IT.  
10 ONE GOES UP NEAR THEM AND THEY'RE REAL UNHAPPY. SO IT'S NOT  
11 LIKE IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S VERY ACCEPTED BY THE PUBLIC. AND I  
12 THINK YOU HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH IT IF YOU DON'T AT LEAST  
13 MAYBE REFINE IT OR SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT. OUR ISSUES  
14 AREN'T REALLY EASY ANYMORE. THERE'S NO EASY, QUICK ONE'S  
15 OBVIOUSLY RIGHT AND THE OTHER ONE'S OBVIOUSLY THE WRONG  
16 ANSWER. BUT I'D GIVE IT A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **DAN MCMEEKIN:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DAN MCMEEKIN. I  
21 LIVE-- MY BACK FENCE IS-- THE PARKING LOT OF THE CHURCH IS  
22 RIGHT BEHIND MY BACK FENCE. I'D LIKE TO MAKE FOUR POINTS.  
23 FIRST OF ALL, WHEN WE HAVE ORDINANCES THERE'S POLICY BEHIND  
24 OUR ZONING ORDINANCES THAT WE DON'T OFTEN GO BEHIND. AND  
25 LOOKING AT THE FINDINGS OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION,

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1    THEY FOUND THAT THERE'S ALREADY PROBABLY GRANDFATHERED IN NOT  
2    ENOUGH PARKING SPACES FOR THE CHURCH. AND THEY WANT TO HINDER  
3    THEIR ZONING ORDINANCE EVEN FURTHER BY FURTHER REDUCING THE  
4    PARKING SPACES. IN ADDITION, THE ZONING ORDINANCE SAYS THERE'S  
5    NOTHING SUPPOSED TO BE HIGHER THAN 35 FEET, BUT THIS IS GOING  
6    TO BE 46 FEET. SO THERE'S TWO CLEAR DEPARTURES FROM THE ZONING  
7    ORDINANCE. NOW THE SECOND POINT I WOULD MAKE, AND I AM UNDER  
8    PENALTY OF PERJURY HERE, I SWORE TO YOU FOLKS, I HAVE VERIZON  
9    AND I HAVE NEVER HAD ANY TROUBLE AT ALL WITH VERIZON IN MY  
10    AREA. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR SCIENTISTS ARE SAYING BUT I AM  
11    SAYING AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM  
12    WITH IT. MY THIRD POINT IS, IF YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S UNSIGHTLY.  
13    I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO FIND THAT IT'S NOT  
14    SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND  
15    PADILLA, WHICH IS THE STREET THE CHURCH IS LOCATED ON, IS A  
16    MAJOR EAST/WEST THOROUGHFARE. THE 57 FREEWAY IS JUST EAST OF  
17    THERE. AND ALL KINDS OF FOLKS ARE GOING TO BE DRIVING BY AND  
18    SEEING THAT. AND MY FINAL POINT IS OF COURSE A PERSONAL ONE.  
19    PEOPLE COME BEFORE YOU ALL THE TIME, I THINK, AND SAY, "WELL  
20    NOT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD." AND WE'VE TALKED ABOUT HOW OUR  
21    PROPERTY VALUES WILL GO DOWN IF THIS THING IS BUILT. IT ALSO  
22    IS GOING TO BE VERY UNSIGHTLY AS I GO INTO MY BACKYARD FOR MY  
23    SUMMER ICED TEA AND SEE THE THING IN THE BACK. AND I COULD  
24    AGREE THAT MAYBE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF THERE WAS SOME  
25    COMPELLING REASON THAT VERIZON HAD TO BUILD IT, THIS DESIGN AT

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1 THIS PLACE. AND I WOULD SUBMIT THERE IS NO COMPELLING REASON  
2 AND I WOULD ASK THAT YOU DENY THE APPEAL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THAT  
5 CONCLUDES THOSE THAT WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM. MR. SACHS?  
6 IS IT ON ITEM NO. 5 THAT YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
9 THIS ONE, I DO HAVE A HORSE IN THIS RACE. SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
10 YOU COULD SPEAK FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE AS I BELIEVE YOU MIGHT  
11 HAVE EVEN BEEN THE HEAD OF THE BOARD OF A HEARING HERE  
12 REGARDING A CELL PHONE TOWER HERE IN, I THINK IT WAS HACIENDA  
13 HEIGHTS. YOU HAD A GROUP OF PEOPLE COME DOWN AND RAISE ALL  
14 KINDS OF HAVOC ABOUT HAVING A CELL PHONE TOWER AND I HAPPENED  
15 TO MENTION THAT THERE WAS A RULING BY A STATE SUPREME COURT  
16 THAT DENIED A CELL PHONE TOWER IN PALOS VERDES ESTATES THAT  
17 NOBODY REALLY KNEW ABOUT, BUT YOU KNEW ABOUT AND YOU WENT  
18 AHEAD AND DENIED THE APPEAL OF THE APPELLATE. YOU COULD GIVE  
19 US YOUR WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON THAT ITEM. BUT MY PROBLEM  
20 WITH VERIZON GOES TO THEIR BAIT AND SWITCH TACTICS. BECAUSE I  
21 HAD VERIZON. I SIGNED UP FOR A ONE YEAR CONTRACT AND IT TURNED  
22 OUT, OH, WHY DON'T YOU GET A NEW PHONE WITH THAT? OKAY, SURE.  
23 BUT THE PHONES ARE FOR TWO YEARS. SO THE ONE YEAR CONTRACTS  
24 ARE VOIDED RIGHT OUT THE WINDOW BECAUSE YOU'RE PAYING FOR A  
25 PHONE FOR TWO YEARS AND THEY DON'T TELL YOU THAT. SO THAT'S MY

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1 HORSE IN THE RACE. SO I DON'T REALLY LIKE VERIZON TOO MUCH.  
2 BUT ALSO THERE WAS A PART OF, I THINK THE ATTORNEY STARTED OFF  
3 THIS MEETING THAT HE LEFT HIS SHIELD AND HIS SWORD AT HOME. IT  
4 KIND OF REMINDED ME OF THE LITTLE ITEM I BROUGHT UP ONCE  
5 BEFORE HERE. YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MOSQUITO AND A  
6 LAWYER? ONE'S A BLOOD SUCKING PARASITE AND THE OTHER IS AN  
7 INSECT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON  
10 THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, VERIZON IS REQUESTING,  
13 AS WAS STATING, THE C.U.P., AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION,  
14 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
15 FACILITY ON PROPERTY LOCATED 4337 NORTH SUNFLOWER AVENUE  
16 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CHARTER OAK. THIS  
17 CONSISTS OF A 46-FOOT HIGH TOWER WITH THE POTENTIAL TO GO UP  
18 TO 60 FEET. EQUIPMENT CABINETS AND A BACKUP GENERATOR,  
19 ENCLOSED BY AN 8 FOOT HIGH CONCRETE WALL. A HEARING OFFICER  
20 HELD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIS MATTER ON JUNE 16, 2015  
21 AND APPROVED THE PROJECT. AFTER THE HEARING OFFICER'S PUBLIC  
22 HEARING, THE PROJECT AND A RESIDENT APPEAL OF THE HEARING  
23 OFFICER'S DECISION IT WAS MADE TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
24 COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION THEN HELD A PUBLIC HEARING  
25 REGARDING THIS MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 AND ON OCTOBER 28TH

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1 OF THE PAST YEAR, UPHELD THE APPEAL AND DENIED THE PROJECT. AT  
2 THE COMMISSION'S PUBLIC HEARING, THE APPELLANT AND OTHER  
3 PROJECT OPPONENTS PROVIDED SUFFICIENT WRITTEN AND ORAL  
4 TESTIMONY TO ESTABLISH THAT THE APPLICANT FAILED TO  
5 SUBSTANTIATE THE BURDEN OF PROOF REQUIRED IN THE COUNTY CODE  
6 SECTION 22.56.040. SO I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD FIND  
7 THAT THE PROJECT NUMBER R2014-02565 IS STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM  
8 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL C.E.Q.A. ACT, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
9 15270 OF THE C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES AND TWO DENY THE APPEAL AND  
10 DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO  
11 AFFIRM THE COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF PROJECT NUMBER R2014-02565.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MOVED AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISORS KNABE  
14 AND KUEHL RESPECTIVELY. THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I SIMPLY WANTED TO  
17 MAKE A COMMENT TO THE PEOPLE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHO CAME  
18 AND TESTIFIED, WAITED QUITE A WHILE TO DO IT. A COUPLE OF  
19 THINGS, WITH APOLOGIES TO COUNSEL OF VERIZON. IT'S INTERESTING  
20 THAT ORIGINALLY VERIZON INDICATED WHAT THEY NEEDED THE CELL  
21 TOWER TO DO WAS TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE, FUTURE EXPANSION,  
22 FUTURE NEED. THAT WASN'T A GOOD ENOUGH REASON TO ALLOW THE  
23 CELL TOWER BECAUSE INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE ONLY THING THAT  
24 YOU REALLY HAVE TO FIND IN ORDER TO DENY IT IS THAT IT'S UGLY  
25 UNDER THE LAW. I THINK THAT'S SORT OF COOL, ACTUALLY. THERE



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1 ARE SO MANY UGLY THINGS THAT WENT UP IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, MOST  
2 OF THEM OWNED BY OTHER PEOPLE AND BUILDING THERE, BUT, STILL,  
3 IT'S AVERY INTERESTING THING. IT WAS ALSO VERY INTERESTED  
4 BECAUSE THERE IS AN ONGOING DISCUSSION ABOUT THE HEALTH ISSUE.  
5 AND AS WAS POINTED OUT BY ONE OF THE TESTIFIERS, MANY PEOPLE  
6 IN OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT FEEL THAT THERE ARE HEALTH EFFECTS. BUT  
7 THE WOMAN WHO TESTIFIED THAT THEIR ORGANIZATION WITHDREW THE  
8 CLAIM OF HEALTH EFFECTS, I THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY INTERESTING  
9 BECAUSE IT IS AN ONGOING DISCUSSION, AND A LOT OF INFORMATION  
10 BOTH WAYS. SO I THINK IT WAS VERY SMART TO LIMIT THE ISSUES  
11 THE WAY THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZING AND AREA ORGANIZING DID.  
12 THEY DID A REALLY, I THINK, VERY GOOD JOB. BECAUSE NOT ONLY IS  
13 THE CELL TOWER UGLY, WHICH IS SUFFICIENT UNDER THE LAW TO TURN  
14 IT DOWN EVEN THOUGH IT'S A MATTER OF OPINION, THE COMMISSION  
15 AGREED, BUT ALSO FAILURE TO PROVE A NEED TO EXPAND, FAILURE TO  
16 PROVE A GAP IN SERVICE. AND I THINK THE WAY IN WHICH THE  
17 RESIDENTS WENT ABOUT PROVING IT, USING VERIZON'S OWN PHONES TO  
18 TAKE PICTURES AND INDICATE "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?" I CAN HEAR  
19 YOU. WAS VERY INNOVATIVE AND I MUST SAY VERY EFFECTIVE. SO I  
20 SUPPORT THE DENIAL OF THE APPEAL AND JUST WANTED TO PRAISE  
21 THOSE WHO WORKED SO HARD AND JUST TO SHOW THAT IT'S NOT--  
22 NOTHING AGAINST VERIZON, I'M A VERIZON CUSTOMER, TOO, BUT IT  
23 ACTUALLY WORKS WHEN PEOPLE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD GET TOGETHER,  
24 PRESENT ARGUMENTS THAT ARE COGENT, WITHIN THE NEED OF THE LAW

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1 AND REALLY LIMITED TO THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO CONVINCE US,  
2 AS YOU DID ME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THE HEARING  
5 HAS BEEN PROPERLY CLOSED PURSUANT TO APPROPRIATE BOARD ACTION.  
6 THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY SUPERVISOR  
7 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IF THERE ARE NO  
8 OBJECTIONS? PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
9 OFFICER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** CHAIR PRO TEM, WE  
12 HELD ITEM 11 FOR FOUR VOTES AND WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE  
13 PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WHO IS THE MEMBER WHO WISHES TO BE  
16 HEARD? DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON ITEM  
17 NUMBER 11?

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ALL THOSE  
24 M.O.U.S, I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE M.O.U. ABOUT THE  
25 NURSING INVOCATION AND SO ON. I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THE 60-

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1 HOUR WERE BEING PAID IN PART OF THAT M.O.U. AND THE  
2 REQUIREMENT FOR AN R.N. TO GET THEIR LICENSE RENEWED IS ONLY  
3 30 HOURS. AND ALSO WE HAVE A SPECIAL PROGRAM, AN ALLIANCE WITH  
4 S.E.I.U. TO ALSO PROVIDE EDUCATION. SO I THOUGHT THAT WAS  
5 AWFULLY GENEROUS. I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T GET THAT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** CONTINUING EDUCATION IS VERY  
10 IMPORTANT, BUT I THINK FOR US AS A COUNTY TO PAY FOR 60 HOURS  
11 AND IN ADDITION TO THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER CONTRACT WHERE  
12 S.E.I.U. IS PROVIDING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NURSES. THANK  
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL  
16 PROCEED ON ITEM NO. 11. IT'S BEEN PROPERLY MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE ARE NO  
18 OBJECTIONS, THE ITEM MOVES FORWARD. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS  
19 VOTE. WE HAVE TWO ITEMS REMAINING, 16-A AND ITEM 12. THEY ARE  
20 BEFORE US. THESE WERE SPECIALS HELD BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
21 WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE IN TERMS OF THE ORDER IN WHICH WE  
22 PROCEED? DO YOU WANT TO DISPOSE OF ITEM NO. 12 FIRST,  
23 SUPERVISOR?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME DO 16-A, FIRST.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS YOU WISH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GO  
5 GET LUNCH, RIGHT? [LAUGHTER.] NOTHING'S BETTER THAN A CREW  
6 THAT TRAVELS ON THEIR STOMACH, RIGHT? I WAS IN THE ARMY, I  
7 KNOW. MR. CHAIRMAN, EARLY AS WE ONCE AGAIN KNOW THE HISTORY OF  
8 THE PORTER RANCH GAS LEAK. COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS HAD  
9 ISSUED A DIRECTIVE TO THE GAS COMPANY THAT THEY RELOCATE ANY  
10 HOUSEHOLD OR INDIVIDUAL WHO RESIDES IN THE IMPACTED AREA WHO  
11 WANTED TO BE RELOCATED. AS OF JANUARY 23RD, 3,698 HOUSEHOLDS  
12 HAVE BEEN PLACED. 1,107 HAVE BEEN OFFERED REPLACEMENT AND  
13 2,445 ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS. LAST WEEK, THE GAS COMPANY HAD  
14 MADE A STATEMENT AND POLICY DECISION TO STOP SIGNING LONG-  
15 TERM LEASES FOR RELOCATIONS. THAT WAS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE  
16 PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE AND THE COURT ORDER THAT MANDATED THAT  
17 THE GAS COMPANY WOULD RELOCATE ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT WANTS TO BE  
18 RELOCATED AND THE COMPANY MUST PAY AND USE ALL AVAILABLE  
19 RESOURCES FOR THE PLACEMENT OF IMPACTED HOUSEHOLDS. THEY MADE  
20 THAT STATEMENT BEFORE THE BOARD WHEN THEY HAD TESTIFIED, AS  
21 WELL. SO I'D ASK THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
22 SOME QUESTIONS BECAUSE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WOULD JOIN IN  
23 THE LAWSUIT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND I BELIEVE IT WAS  
24 ON DECEMBER 22ND OR 23RD THE COURT RULED THAT THE GAS COMPANY  
25 HAD FAILED IN THE REPLACEMENT EFFORTS AND HAD TO PLACE ANYONE

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1 WANTING REPLACEMENT WITHIN A 24 TO 72 HOUR TIMEFRAME. THEY  
2 WOULD ORDER A RETIRED JUDGE TO BE A MEDIATOR IN THAT PROCESS,  
3 BUT THEN WE HEARD LAST WEEK THERE WERE STILL PROBLEMS AND THAT  
4 PEOPLE WERE NOT BEING ADDRESSED IN A TIMELY MANNER FOR THEIR  
5 RELOCATION. SO THE QUESTION-- HEALTH HAS MADE STATEMENTS  
6 RECENTLY THAT THEY'RE LOOKING TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT AND TYPE  
7 OF SAMPLING THEY WANT TO DO. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY AND WHAT YOUR  
8 PROPOSED NEW SAMPLING IS GOING TO CONSIST OF FOR PUBLIC  
9 HEALTH?

10

11 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. DR. CYRUS RANGAN,  
12 MEDICAL TOXICOLOGIST WITH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND THE PUBLIC  
13 HEALTH DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED WHAT'S CALLED AN  
14 EXPANDED AIR MONITORING PLAN RECENTLY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A  
15 NUMBER OF AGENCIES INCLUDING THE A.Q.M.D., THE SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS TO DIRECT THE GAS COMPANY  
17 CONSULTANT TO DO MORE COMPREHENSIVE TESTING OF AIR IN THE  
18 PORTER RANCH AREA. UP UNTIL NOW THERE HAVE A NUMBER OF SAMPLES  
19 THAT HAVE NOW TOTALED 1,400 TOTAL SAMPLES OF WHAT WE CALL  
20 INSTANTANEOUS AIR GRASP SAMPLES, OR 10 MINUTES OF SAMPLES OF  
21 AIR THAT ARE SENT TO A LABORATORY. AND UNDER THIS EXPANDED AIR  
22 QUALITY MONITORING PLAN, WE ARE GETTING MORE COMPREHENSIVE  
23 LOOK AT DAILY EXPOSURES. SO THESE SAMPLES ARE NOW GOING TO BE  
24 12-HOUR SAMPLES THAT ARE GOING TO BE SITUATED ALONG THE FENCE  
25 LINE NEXT TO THE COMMUNITY AND A FEW STRATEGIC LOCATIONS

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1 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AND THIS WILL GIVE US A MUCH  
2 BETTER REPRESENTATION ABOUT WHAT DAILY EXPOSURES LOOK LIKE IN  
3 THE AREA.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ARE YOU COORDINATING BETWEEN YOUR  
6 DEPARTMENT AND THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT?

7

8 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** THAT IS GOING WELL. WE ARE COORDINATING WITH  
9 THEM ON A DAILY BASIS IN TERMS OF THE AIR QUALITY MONITORING  
10 PLAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH OF OUR  
11 ORGANIZATIONS ARE MET BY THE GAS COMPANY'S CONSULTANTS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE WILL THE RESULTS BE POSTED AND  
14 METHODOLOGY USED SO THAT THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE PUBLIC  
15 CONFIDENCE RELATIVE TO YOUR FINDINGS?

16

17 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** YES, SIR. ON OUR WEBSITE WHICH IS PUBLIC  
18 HEALTH L.A. COUNTY.GOV, WE HAVE A BUTTON ON THERE THAT IS  
19 REFERENCING THE ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK. SO THAT'S WHERE PEOPLE  
20 CAN CLICK ONTO AND BE ABLE TO GET TO A PAGE WHERE THEY'LL SEE  
21 OUR RESULTS. WE'LL ESSENTIALLY BE POSTING FOUR THINGS. FIRST,  
22 WE WILL POST THE NEW METHODS THAT ARE BEING USED TO COLLECT  
23 AND ANALYZE RESULTS. WE'LL ALSO BE POSTING A MAP TO SHOW WHERE  
24 THESE LOCATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN AND THE SAMPLING AND WE WILL  
25 DO A TABLE OF RESULTS ON A WEEKLY BASIS TO SHOW WHAT THE MOST

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1 RECENT UPDATES ARE. AND THEN IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'LL BE  
2 POSTING AN INTERPRETATION FROM A HEALTH STANDPOINT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DOES YOUR ASSESSMENTS. EXPOSURE LEVELS  
5 OF THE MOST RECENT AIR SAMPLES INDICATE WITH RESPECT TO THE  
6 SHORT AND LONG TERM HEALTH EFFECTS IMPACTS TO THE COMMUNITY.

7

8 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** THERE ARE THREE PRIMARY CHEMICALS THAT WE'RE  
9 LOOKING AT IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL OTHERS. THE THREE PRIMARY  
10 INCLUDE METHANE. METHANE STILL IS FAR, FAR, FAR BELOW THE  
11 EXPLOSION LIMIT AS FAR AS THE PUBLIC SAFETY'S CONCERNED. SO WE  
12 DON'T HAVE AN ISSUE WITH METHANE AT THIS TIME IN THE  
13 COMMUNITY. THE SECOND IS THE MERCAPTANS, WHICH ARE THE SULFUR  
14 ODORANTS THAT ARE ADDED TO THE NATURAL GAS MIXTURE. THAT IS  
15 WHAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE SHORT-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS  
16 WE'RE SEEING ON A DAILY BASIS IN THE COMMUNITY. STILL THOSE  
17 ARE BELOW THE DETECTION LEVEL OF THE INSTRUMENTS THAT WE USE  
18 TO DETECT THEM, BUT OUR NOSES OF COURSE CAN SMELL THEM AT MUCH  
19 LOWER LEVELS. SO THOSE ARE STILL AROUND BUT BELOW THE LEVEL OF  
20 DETECTION OF INSTRUMENTATION. SO THEY STILL WILL CAUSE THE  
21 DAILY SYMPTOMS, BUT NOT ANTICIPATED TO CAUSE LONG TERM  
22 PROBLEMS. THE THIRD AND MOST IMPORTANT CHEMICAL WE ARE LOOKING  
23 AT FROM THE LONG-TERM STANDPOINT IS BENZENE. WE ARE SEEING  
24 THAT THE BENZENE LEVELS UNDER THIS EXPANDED AIR MONITORING  
25 PLAN ARE STARTING TO STABILIZE AND IN FACT COME DOWN OVER THIS



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1 PAST WEEK OR SO. SO WE ARE NOTICING BENZENE LEVELS THAT ARE  
2 BELOW NOW THE AVERAGE THAT ARE GENERALLY REPORTED IN THE  
3 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BASIN NEARBY.

4

5 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ARE THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS  
6 THAT THESE POISONS HAVE ON A PERSON'S SYSTEM?

7

8 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** AT THE LEVELS THAT ARE WE ARE CURRENTLY  
9 SEEING, WE DON'T ANTICIPATE AT THIS TIME THAT WE WOULD SEE  
10 PERMANENT HEALTH EFFECTS. HOWEVER WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH  
11 INFORMATION TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT FULL CONCLUSION. SO UNDER  
12 THIS EXPANDED AIR MONITORING PLAN, WE WILL GET THAT  
13 INFORMATION AND WILL BE ABLE TO CONCLUSIVELY SAY WHAT THE  
14 LONG-TERM POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS ARE.

15

16 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FETUS  
17 AND A CHILD, ADULT, SENIOR CITIZEN?

18

19 **DR. CYRUS RANGAN:** WHEN WE CREATE THESE AIR QUALITY STANDARDS,  
20 THEY ARE DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE MOST SENSITIVE POPULATIONS,  
21 SO THEY DO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PREGNANT FEMALES, YOUNG BABIES,  
22 SENIOR CITIZENS, PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC DISEASE, ET CETERA. SO WE  
23 OPERATE BASED ON THAT STANDPOINT.

24

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHY WAS IT  
2    DECIDED TO ENTER INTO A UNIFIED COMMAND AND WHY WAS IT SO LONG  
3    TO MAKE THAT DETERMINATION?

4

5    **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. HONORABLE SUPERVISOR, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
6    WE ENGAGED IN THE UNIFIED COMMAND STRUCTURE ON THE 22ND LAST  
7    WEEK OF THIS MONTH WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AS WELL AS THE GAS  
8    COMPANY. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS  
9    PUBLIC HEALTH, WE'VE BEEN ENGAGED IN THE DECISIONMAKING AND  
10   DAILY ACTIVITIES. AS AN AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE  
11   BEGINNING STAGES OF THIS INCIDENT. NOW, ENTERING INTO THE  
12   COMMAND ALLOWS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH TO HAVE  
13   EQUAL INPUT INTO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND DAILY  
14   EVALUATION OF THE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES TO ENSURE  
15   INCIDENT PRIORITIES ARE BEING MET WHICH HAVE BEEN SET, WHICH  
16   ARE LIFE, ENVIRONMENT AND PROPERTY. WE ALSO FELT IT WAS A  
17   PROPER TIME TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP  
18   THAT OUR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS PROVIDE AND PROCESS TO  
19   INCREASE THE INFORMATION FLOW AND COMMUNICATION WITH ALL  
20   STAKEHOLDERS AND INCREASE THE COORDINATION WITH ALL  
21   COOPERATORS IN ASSISTING AGENCIES AS WELL AS RE-EVALUATING ANY  
22   CONTINGENCY PLANNING OF COURSE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC  
23   HEALTH.

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE IDENTIFICATION OR THE  
2    NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY PLANNING?

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4    **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE, FROM THE BEGINNING  
5    STAGES, WE'VE DEVELOPED A UNIFIED RESPONSE PLAN WITH ALL THE  
6    ENTITIES INVOLVED. THE PLAN IS DEVELOPED IN COORDINATION WITH  
7    THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, LOS ANGELES POLICE  
8    DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, THE ON SITE PRIVATE EMERGENCY  
9    RESOURCES CAPSTONE, FIRE PROTECTION AS WELL AS THE GAS  
10    COMPANY. WE'RE IN THE CURRENT PROCESS OF RE-EVALUATING THIS  
11    UNIFIED PLAN TO ENSURE IT PROPERLY ADDRESSES HIGH RISK  
12    OPERATIONS, PHYSICAL HAZARDS, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, MEDICAL  
13    ISSUES AND OF COURSE EVACUATION.

14

15    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW THE F.A.A. WAS REGULATING AIR  
16    FLIGHT OVER THE SITE. IS THAT STILL IN EFFECT?

17

18    **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. THERE'S STILL A TEMPORARY FLY RESTRICTION  
19    IN PLACE OVER THE SITE.

20

21    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE OF FIRE?

22

23    **SPEAKER:** THE POTENTIAL FOR FIRE IS A POSSIBILITY, IS THE MAIN  
24    REASON WHY THE RESTRICTION WAS PUT IN PLACE.

25

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY COORDINATE WITH YOU, OR YOU  
2   COORDINATE WITH THEM?

3

4   **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. COORDINATE WITH THE INCIDENT, OUR INCIDENT  
5   COMMANDERS AT SCENE FOR FUTURE EVALUATION AND RELEASE OF THAT  
6   FLIGHT RESTRICTION.

7

8   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND GILLIAN WRIGHT IS HERE  
9   FROM THE GAS COMPANY? MR. WRIGHT? MISS WRIGHT? THE QUESTION I  
10   WAS GOING TO ASK, THE COURT HAD ORDERED AGREEMENT THAT  
11   FAMILIES WOULD BE PLACED WITHIN 72 HOURS OF THE REQUEST. WHAT  
12   IS THE AVERAGE WAIT TIME FOR THE FILE, FROM THE FILE TO  
13   REQUEST TO SECURING A LOCATION?

14

15   **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** THE COURT ACTUALLY ADOPTED A STIPULATION THAT  
16   WAS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SO CAL GAS AND THE CITY ATTORNEY'S  
17   OFFICE TO ABIDE BY THE TEMPORARY RELOCATION PLAN THAT WE WROTE  
18   IN COORDINATION WITH ACTUALLY FIRE AND L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC  
19   HEALTH. UNDER THE TERMS OF THAT PLAN FOR PEOPLE WHO REQUEST  
20   IMMEDIATE RELOCATION, THEN WE ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE ON A BEST  
21   EFFORTS BASIS THAT RELOCATION WITHIN 72 HOURS. WE ARE AT THIS  
22   POINT ABLE TO MEET THE 72 HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR EVERYONE  
23   REQUESTING IMMEDIATE PLACEMENT.

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE PRIORITY LIST OF RELOCATION  
2    REQUESTS, RELATIVE TO PORTER RANCH ZIP CODES BEING FIRST IN  
3    LINE?

4

5    **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** NO. AT THIS STAGE WE'RE EVALUATING ALL  
6    REQUESTS ON AN EQUAL BASIS. THERE ARE PRIMARILY FIVE ZIP CODES  
7    IMPACTED WHERE WE HAVE A 5-MILE RADIUS, WHERE ODOR COMPLAINTS  
8    HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND THAT IS LAID OUT IN THE TEMPORARY  
9    RELOCATION PLAN. ANYONE REQUESTING RELOCATION FROM WITHIN THAT  
10   AREA IS PROVIDED THE SAME PRIORITY IF THEY REQUEST IMMEDIATE  
11   PLACEMENT. PEOPLE WHO ARE REQUESTING RELOCATION FROM OUTSIDE  
12   THAT 5-MILE RADIUS WILL BE EVALUATED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS,  
13   PRIMARILY BASED ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF PERSISTENT ODORS AND IF  
14   IT APPEARS LIKELY, WE ALSO WILL PLACE THEM IMMEDIATELY.

15

16   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THE LEAK IS FIXED, THERE WILL BE  
17   FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE STILL NOT READY TO RETURN.  
18   WILL THE GAS COMPANY CONTINUE TO PAY FOR THE RELOCATION OF  
19   THOSE WHO DO NOT WISH TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT LEAK IS  
20   FIXED?

21

22   **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** THE TEMPORARY RELOCATION PLAN CALLED FOR  
23   ENDING THE RELOCATION FOLLOWING THE CERTIFICATION THAT THE  
24   LEAK IS STOPPED BY THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL  
25   RESOURCES. AND ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE PLAN, THE

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1 RELOCATION WILL END, THEN, 48 HOURS AFTER THAT CERTIFICATION.  
2 WE ACTUALLY ARE WORKING RIGHT NOW ON A PLAN TO PROVIDE A  
3 LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO ALLOW FOR LOGISTICS OF RETURN. BUT WE  
4 DO EXPECT FAMILIES TO RETURN FOLLOWING THE CERTIFICATION THE  
5 LEAK HAS STOPPED.

6

7 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WE UNDERSTAND THE GAS COMPANY HAS AN  
8 APPLICATION CURRENTLY BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES  
9 COMMISSION FOR A POTENTIAL RATE INCREASE TO ADDRESS  
10 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS. WE'VE HEARD FROM  
11 CITIZENS IN THE PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY THAT THEIR GAS BILLS  
12 HAVE DOUBLED SINCE THE LEAK AS COMPARED TO THEIR BILL FROM THE  
13 PREVIOUS YEAR. HAS THE GAS COMPANY ALREADY RAISED RATES?

14

15 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** REGARDING THE REQUESTS BEFORE THE PUBLIC  
16 UTILITIES COMMISSION, MR. SUPERVISOR, THAT IS OUR GENERAL RATE  
17 CASE APPLICATION AND HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. THE REPORTS OF  
18 HIGHER BILLS ARE LIKELY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THIS YEAR THE  
19 WEATHER IS SIGNIFICANTLY COLDER THAN IT HAS BEEN IN PRIOR  
20 YEARS. THIS IS ACTUALLY THE COLDEST NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WE  
21 HAVE EXPERIENCED SINCE 2011. SO WITH COLDER WEATHER, THERE IS  
22 MORE GAS USED FOR HEATING, AND THAT'S THE MAIN CAUSE FOR  
23 HIGHER BILLS.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS THE C.P.U.C. MANDATED THAT THE FACILITY  
2   RETAIN 15 BILLION CUBIC FEET OF GAS IN STORAGE, AND HAVE YOU  
3   REACHED THAT LEVEL?

4

5   **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** SO, AS WE HAVE DESCRIBED, WE WE'VE-- SINCE THE  
6   START OF THE LEAK, WE'VE STOPPED INJECTION. AND BEGINNING IN  
7   EARLY NOVEMBER, WE BEGAN WITHDRAWING GAS FROM THE FIELD. WE  
8   HAVE DRAWN DOWN THE FIELD BY OVER 70 PERCENT FROM THE LEVEL OF  
9   INVENTORY THAT WAS IN PLACE AT THE TIME THE LEAK WAS  
10   DISCOVERED. THAT REDUCTION IN INVENTORY HAS HELPED TO REDUCE  
11   THE AMOUNT OF GAS ESCAPING, WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE  
12   ESTIMATES OF THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD, AND HAS REDUCED THE  
13   AMOUNT OF ODORS REACHED IN THE COMMUNITY. WE DID RECEIVE A  
14   DIRECTION FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LAST WEEK TO  
15   STOP WITHDRAWAL AT THE INVENTORY LEVEL OF 15 BILLION CUBIC  
16   FEET IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN GAS BE AVAILABLE FOR THE REST OF THE  
17   WINTER SHOULD IT BE NEEDED FOR RELIABILITY PURPOSES.

18

19   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO WILL YOU HAVE TO INJECT GAS TO  
20   MAINTAIN THAT 15 BILLION THRESHOLD UNTIL THE LEAK IS FIXED?

21

22   **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** AGAIN, SINCE WE STOPPED INJECTION ON OCTOBER  
23   25TH, WE HAVE NOT INJECTED. WE DO NOT PLAN TO INJECT. AND WE  
24   HAVE DIRECTIVES FROM BOTH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE  
25   DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, NOT TO INJECT



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1 UNTIL AFTER THE LEAK IS STOPPED AND REPAIRED. AND WE WILL  
2 ABIDE BY THAT DIRECTIVE.

3

4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO THE GAS COMPANY HAS NO PLANS TO  
5 CLOSE THE FACILITY, THE STORAGE FACILITY, FOR ANOTHER  
6 LOCATION?

7

8 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NO PLANS TO CLOSE THE  
9 ALISO CANYON FACILITY. BUT RIGHT NOW WHERE WE'RE FOCUSED IS ON  
10 COMPLETING THE WORK ON THE RELIEF WELL, STOPPING THE LEAK AND  
11 ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

12

13 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND ONCE THE LEAK IS STOPPED, DOES  
14 THE GAS COMPANY HAVE PLANS TO RELOCATE THE FACILITY TO ONE NOT  
15 NEAR RESIDENTIAL AREAS?

16

17 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** THE GAS COMPANY HAS NO PLANS AND WE COULD NOT  
18 PHYSICALLY RELOCATE THE FACILITY. THE FACILITY IS WHERE IT IS  
19 BECAUSE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE GEOLOGIC FORMATION IN THAT  
20 LOCATION THAT ALLOWS THAT TO BE USED TO STORE GAS. IT'S THE  
21 FACT OF THAT GEOLOGIC FORMATION THAT MAKES IT SUITABLE TO BE A  
22 GAS STORAGE FIELD. IT CANNOT BE MOVED.

23

24 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** USING IT AS A STORAGE. BUT IF YOU  
25 CLOSE IT, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND OTHER FACILITIES--

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1 STORAGE FACILITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY AND THERE ARE OTHER  
2 FACILITIES WITHIN THE STATE. THERE ARE MANY, INCLUDING MYSELF,  
3 WOULD SUPPORT CLOSING THE FACILITY AND RELOCATING IT TO AN  
4 AREA THAT WAS NOT NEAR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES.

5

6 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** AT THIS STAGE, I WOULD DESCRIBE IT AS  
7 PREMATURE TO DISCUSS CLOSING THIS FACILITY.

8

9 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHILE THE AGENCY, OIL, GAS,  
10 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSPECTION OF  
11 THEIR WELLS BY THE STATE, THE STATE IS RESPONSIBLE, DID THE  
12 GAS COMPANY ON THEIR OWN WANT TO HAVE INSPECTIONS TO PREVENT  
13 ANY FUTURE LEAKS THAT COULD HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT THE STATE  
14 COMING IN FIRST? BECAUSE IT'S BEEN DECADES SINCE THE STATE HAD  
15 INSPECTED.

16

17 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** THE APPLICATION THAT YOU REFERENCED EARLIER,  
18 OUR GENERAL RATE CASE APPLICATION, INCLUDED A PROPOSAL THAT  
19 WAS A PROACTIVE PROPOSAL BY SO CAL GAS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL  
20 INSPECTIONS ON STORAGE FACILITIES IN ORDER TO ENSURE THEIR  
21 INTEGRITY. THAT IS A PROPOSAL THAT WE STAND BEHIND AND WE HAVE  
22 ACCELERATED OUR WORK TO IMPLEMENT THAT PROPOSAL EVEN AHEAD OF  
23 THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S DECISION ON THAT  
24 APPLICATION.

25

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THE A.Q.M.D. WAS INVOLVED IN  
2    INSPECTING ADDITIONAL WELLS. THEY FOUND APPROXIMATELY 15 WERE  
3    STILL LEAKING WHICH THEY CORRECTED, BUT THERE WERE OTHER WELLS  
4    WITHIN THE-- LEAKING WELLS THAT YOU'RE NOW ATTEMPTING TO STOP  
5    THAT WERE NOT INSPECTED. SO WE DON'T REALLY KNOW IF THEY'RE  
6    LEAKING AS THE OTHER ONES WERE OR THEY'RE SAFE AND SECURE.

7

8    **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** WELL, AS I DESCRIBED, WE HAVE ACCELERATED THE  
9    PROCESS OF INSPECTION OF OTHER WELLS AT THAT FACILITY. WE ARE  
10   ACTUALLY CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS RIGHT NOW. WE'RE NOT AWARE OF  
11   ANY OTHER LEAKS AT THE FACILITY. BUT WE ARE ACCELERATING  
12   INSPECTION OF WELLS OF THE VINTAGE SIMILAR TO THE WELL THAT IS  
13   LEAKING.

14

15   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS YOUR TIMEFRAME NOW ON THE  
16   STOPPING OF THE LEAK?

17

18   **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** AS WE ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK, WE EXPECT NOW TO  
19   COMPLETE THE WORK WITH THE RELIEF WELL AND STOP THE LEAK BY  
20   THE END OF FEBRUARY OR POSSIBLY SOONER. SO WE ARE NOW AT A  
21   POINT OF APPROXIMATELY A MONTH AT THE MOST BEFORE THE LEAK IS  
22   STOPPED.

23

24   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

25

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS  
2    OR COMMENTS ON 16-A? I SIMPLY WANT TO SUGGEST THAT SUPERVISOR  
3    ANTONOVICH, YOUR QUESTIONS AND YOUR DIGGING, YOU'RE CONSTANTLY  
4    BRINGING THIS BACK TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD IS VERY, VERY  
5    IMPORTANT. IT SHOULD BE KNOWN BY ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS THAT  
6    THIS BOARD IS INTENTIONALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS MATTER IN THE  
7    INTERESTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH, THE QUALITY OF  
8    LIFE OF THOSE WHO ARE DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY IMPACTED. SO,  
9    AGAIN, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO CAUSE THIS TO  
10   BE ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA. WITH THAT, WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE  
11   THE ITEM AFTER HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. BRIAN  
12   BARAJAS, RUTH SARNOFF AND ARNOLD SACHS, IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE.  
13   ANY PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD?

14

15   **BRIAN BARAJAS:** THANK YOU.

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17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR NAME, SIR?

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19   **BRIAN BARAJAS:** BRIAN BARAJAS. I'M IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE  
20   LAROCHE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. I THINK IF PEOPLE REFLECT,  
21   FIRST OFF, WHAT'S THE SIMILARITY OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOUR--  
22   WELL, THIS COUNTRY? IF YOU LOOK AT CITY TO CITY, YOU JUMP FROM  
23   LOS ANGELES WITH THE CRISIS OF PORTER RANCH, BUT YOU CAN ALSO  
24   JUMP TO FLINT, MICHIGAN CRISIS. WHY IS THIS HAPPENING ALMOST  
25   SIMULTANEOUSLY? AND WHY IS IT THAT THIS COUNTRY SEEMS TO BE

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1 FALLING AND COLLAPSING? AND OUR ASSOCIATION LAROCHE P.A.C.  
2 WITH LYNDON LAROCHE, WHO SOME PEOPLE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH,  
3 HE'S BEEN EMPHASIZING THAT THE COUNTRY'S IN A DISASTROUS AND  
4 EXISTENTIAL COLLAPSE. AND YOU SEE THIS REFLECTED IN THE  
5 CANDIDACY.

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, I WOULD ASK YOU TO STAY ON TOPIC.  
8 THE TOPIC IS 16-A. PORTER RANCH. THANK YOU.

9

10 **BRIAN BARAJAS:** THAT'S THE PROBLEM. AND THAT'S WHY I'LL BRING  
11 IT UP DURING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT., BUT FOR YOUR PROBLEM  
12 THAT YOU'RE FACING EMERGENCIES, THIS IS YOUR ISSUE,  
13 EMERGENCIES LEFT AND RIGHT. AND WHAT I'M SAYING IS TO BEGIN TO  
14 REFLECT: IS THIS GENOCIDE?

15

16 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, ITEM 16 CONCERNS SOUTHERN  
17 CALIFORNIA GAS LEAK.

18

19 **BRIAN BARAJAS:** RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DO YOU WISH TO RETURN AS PUBLIC COMMENT,  
22 WHERE YOU HAVE MORE--?

23

24 **BRIAN BARAJAS:** YEAH, BASICALLY BUT I'LL JUST STICK TO THIS  
25 ITEM WHERE THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE SEEMS TO BE AT RISK,

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1 THAT'S THE PROBLEM. AND HOW TO RESOLVE IT? OBVIOUSLY THAT WAS  
2 BROUGHT UP. I'LL BRING IT UP IN GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **RUTH SARNOFF:** MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. I THINK THERE IS  
7 ANOTHER DIRECTION IN WHICH WE NEED TO LOOK RIGHT NOW. I THINK  
8 IT IS UNTRUE THAT THERE ARE NO LONG-TERM EFFECTS FROM THE TYPE  
9 OF EMISSIONS THAT ARE COMING FROM PORTER RANCH. FIRST OF ALL,  
10 THERE IS METHANE. THERE IS GASES AND THE EGG SMELL THAT HAS  
11 BEEN REFERRED TO IS HYDROGEN SULFIDE. AND HYDROGEN SULFIDE IS  
12 A POISON. I WOULD LIKE TO PUT INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD A COUPLE  
13 OF BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, ONE ON CHEMICAL BRAIN INJURY  
14 BY KAY KILBOURNE. ANOTHER IS A PIECE THAT WAS WRITTEN BY A  
15 GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO COLLABORATED TOGETHER AND INCLUDED BERNIE  
16 ENDERS WHO DIED, HE DIED TOO YOUNG.

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18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** MA'AM, I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE STAY  
19 ON TOPIC. MA'AM? PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

20

21 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I AM ON TOPIC, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF  
22 THE EMISSIONS COMING FROM PORTER RANCH. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED  
23 WITH EMISSIONS AT PLAYA VISTA, AT L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL  
24 DISTRICT. I WAS PART OF GETTING SOME WELLS CAPPED. WE HAD A  
25 BIG TAR PIT THAT WE MANAGED TO HAVE COVERED. I HAVE A WHOLE

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1 HISTORY AND I HAVE A BIG FILE ON PORTER RANCH. I JUST NEED TO  
2 FIND SOME STAFF PEOPLE AMONGST YOUR STAFF THAT ARE WILLING TO  
3 COME AND REVIEW. IF YOU JUST FOLLOWED EVERYTHING IN THE TIMES  
4 AS A STARTER, YOU WOULD KNOW THAT THERE ARE BIG MISSING PIECES  
5 IN WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE NEED HEALTH TESTING DONE AND WE NEED  
6 BLOOD TESTING DONE OF PEOPLE THERE AND WE NEED IT NOW AND  
7 REMOVAL OF THE REST OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE THERE, AS MANY CAN  
8 BE CONVINCED TO LEAVE.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER  
11 FOLLOWED BILE PRENTISS JENKINS AND WAYNE IN THAT ORDER,  
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. THIS WAS A HANDOUT  
15 FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS. IN ONE OF THEIR LETTERS DATED  
16 OCTOBER 30 OF 2015. IT HAS A MAP IN HERE THAT SHOWS AIR  
17 SAMPLING COLLECTION SITES AND IT LISTS LIKE 25 OF THESE  
18 SAMPLING SITES. BUT IT ALSO LISTS ALL THESE COMMUNITIES. AND  
19 SO THERE ARE SOME QUESTION. THIS IS ONLY DEALING WITH ONE  
20 WELL, BUT THERE'S 115 OTHER WELLS. SO THE OTHER WELLS ARE  
21 BEING LOOKED AT. THE WELLS AT PLAYA VISTA ARE BEING LOOKED AT  
22 WITHIN A 5-MILE RADIUS. THE STORAGE FACILITY IS TWO MILES LONG  
23 SO RIGHT NOW THEY'VE DIALED IT DOWN TO \$15 BILLION-- 15  
24 BILLION CUBIC FEET OF GAS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU TALKED  
25 ABOUT THE FACILITY BEING MOVED AWAY FROM RESIDENTS. WHERE DO



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1 YOU THINK THEY OUGHT TO MOVE 15 BILLION CUBIC FEET OF GAS? YOU  
2 GOT AN IDEA WHERE THEY COULD PUT THAT? I MEAN I HAVE AN IDEA  
3 WHERE THEY COULD PUT THAT. THE F.A.A. HAS A NO FLY ZONE, BUT  
4 THE TIMES HAVE TAKEN PICTURES. WE NEED TO HAVE MORE INFRARED  
5 PICTURES OF THIS AREA. WE NEED TO HAVE INFRARED PICTURES OF  
6 MAYBE THE PLAYA VISTA TO SEE WHERE THE GAS-- HOW THE GAS IS  
7 LEAKING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE. THIS FIELD HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE  
8 THE EARLY '60S WHEN ALL THIS DEVELOPMENT STARTED TAKING PLACE  
9 SLOWLY BUT SURELY. IT WAS BROUGHT BY UNIONS AS PART OF THE  
10 PENSION PLAN AND BEING DEVELOPED TO SUPPLEMENT PENSION  
11 PAYMENTS. WHERE WAS THE SIERRA CLUB WHEN ALL THESE  
12 DEVELOPMENTS, YOU CAN SEE THERE'S GOT TO BE 15 HOUSING  
13 DEVELOPMENTS THAT WERE CREATED. YOU'VE HEARD OF N.I.M.B.Y.  
14 THIS IS F.I.M.F.Y. EFFING IN MY FRONT YARD NOT IN MY BACKYARD.  
15 YOU DON'T GET THAT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
18 PLEASE.

19

20 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** IS THIS THING ON. PRENTISS JENKINS. CITI  
21 LIGHT NEWSLETTER, ACTIVE SINCE 1991. I WOULD LIKE FOR EVERYONE  
22 TO STOP CALLING THIS THING A LEAK. I'LL SAY IT AGAIN. I TOOK A  
23 LEAK THIS MORNING. I KNOW WHAT A LEAK LOOKS LIKE. THIS, MY  
24 FRIEND, THAT IS CALLED A GEYSER. DO YOU SEE THAT? THAT'S A  
25 GEYSER. THAT'S NOT A LEAK, OKAY? THIS RIGHT HERE IS A GEYSER.

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1 SEE ALL THAT? THAT'S METHANE GAS COMING OUT. POURING OUT OF  
2 THE PLACE. POISONING WHITE PEOPLE FROM THE SUBURBS. THE LAST  
3 TIME ANYONE GASSED SOMEONE LIKE THIS WAS IN NAZI GERMANY. AND  
4 NOW HERE WE ARE IN AMERICA GASSING WHITE PEOPLE AGAIN. THIS IS  
5 OUTRAGEOUS THAT SOMEONE DIDN'T SEE THIS BEFORE. AND ALSO WHEN  
6 YOU ARE DEALING WITH THIS SORT OF THING, YOU KEEP TALKING  
7 ABOUT YOU GOT OVERSIGHT. BUT GUESS WHAT? YOUR OVERSIGHT IS LAX  
8 BECAUSE THEY LET THIS HAPPEN. IF THIS IS OVERSIGHT, YOU CAN  
9 PAY ME TO DO THE OVERSIGHT. I'LL DO IT FOR VEGGIE BURGERS.  
10 YEAH, I'M SERIOUS. MORNINGSTAR, YOU CAN GET THEM AT RALPHS,  
11 I'LL DO IT FOR THAT. HOW MUCH ARE YOU PAYING THESE? HOW MUCH  
12 THESE PEOPLE THAT DO THE OVERSIGHT? HOW MUCH ARE THEY GETTING  
13 PAID? BECAUSE IF YOU'RE PAYING THESE PEOPLE, THEY SHOULD BE  
14 ARRESTED. AND YOU SHOULD FORCE THEM TO GIVE THEIR SALARIES  
15 BACK BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN PORTER RANCH, FOLKS. LET  
16 ME SHOW IT AGAIN. DO YOU SEE THAT? THIS IS PORTER RANCH.  
17 WEALTHY, WHITE. IT'S NOT SOUTH CENTRAL. LOOK AT THAT. GOOD  
18 GOD. THAT IS HORRIBLE. LOOK AT THAT GAS COMING OUT OF THERE.  
19 AND IT JUST KEEPS COMING. IT WON'T STOP. THAT GAS KEEPS  
20 COMING. THEY CAN'T STOP THIS GAS. THE GAS COMPANY CAN'T STOP  
21 THIS GAS. WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU? THESE PEOPLE IN PORTER  
22 RANCH ARE IN TROUBLE. THEY GOT TO GO MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE.  
23 MAYBE SOUTH CENTRAL.  
24

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. FINAL  
2    SPEAKER ON THE SUBJECT.

3

4    **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. YESTERDAY MORNING THE GAS COMPANY CAME  
5    OUT ON THE 5,000 BLOCK OF GERALD AVENUE IN ENCINO. THERE'S A  
6    GAS LEAK IN OUR COMMUNITY IN ENCINO WHERE CHILDREN PLAY.

7

8    **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

9

10   **WAYNE SPINDLER:** IT IS GOING TO BE ON THE TOPIC.

11

12   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT'S THE GAS LEAK AT PORTER RANCH.

13

14   **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, IT'S ABOUT SEMPRA ENERGY WHO IS THE GAS  
15   COMPANY. SO THEY WILL NOT SERVICE A GAS LEAK UNLESS IT'S LARGE  
16   ENOUGH. SO THEY'LL TEST IT AND THEY'LL MONITOR IT. AS LONG AS  
17   IT'S LEAKING AND THEY THINK IT'S NOT A DANGER OR NOT BIG  
18   ENOUGH, THEY'LL LET IT LEAK UNTIL IT BECOMES LARGER. THAT WAS  
19   JUST YESTERDAY. THAT'S HOW YOU GOT YOUR PORTER RANCH GAS LEAK,  
20   BECAUSE THESE PIECES OF HUMAN GARBAGE PROBABLY DETECTED LEAKS  
21   WHEN THEY WERE SMALL. AND THEY DETERMINED THAT THEY WERE NOT A  
22   DANGER, THEY WERE NOT A THREAT BECAUSE THEY'RE AWAY FROM THE  
23   HOMES. AND THEN IT GOT BIGGER AND BIGGER AND BIGGER AND  
24   BIGGER. THAT'S HOW SEMPER PLAYS THE GAME. THAT'S HOW THE GAS  
25   COMPANY PLAYS THE GAME. AND THAT'S WHY MY HAT HAS THE THREE

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1 INITIALS TO SOLVE THE GAS LEAK. F.B.I. THAT'S HOW YOU SOLVE  
2 SEMPRA ENERGY. THAT'S HOW YOU SHUT THE GAS DOWN. BECAUSE  
3 THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE. THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE  
4 TO CLEAN CITY HALL UP. AND THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO  
5 CLEAR PORTER RANCH UP. YOU HAVE A CITY COUNCILMAN MITCHELL  
6 ENGLANDER FROM THAT DISTRICT WHO DOESN'T GIVE A LIVING CRAP  
7 ABOUT ANYBODY.

8

9 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

10

11 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** AND MIKE ANTONOVICH TO HOLD FOUR HEARINGS  
12 BEFORE THIS BODY ABOUT PORTER RANCH. HE HAS TO TAKE  
13 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE L.A. CITY SIDE OF THIS AS WELL AS THE  
14 UNINCORPORATED SIDE. THIS IS THE ONLY REASON WE'RE TALKING  
15 ABOUT IT. AND WE'RE LOSING HIM TO TERM LIMITS. SO VOTE NO ON  
16 MITCHELL ENGLANDER AND YES TO MIKE ANTONOVICH. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
19 SUBJECT AT HAND, WHICH IS 16-A. WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE THE  
20 MATTER. THANKS TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR BRINGING IT TO OUR  
21 ATTENTION YET AGAIN. IT REMAINS AN "A" ITEM, IS IT NOT, MADAME  
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER? ALL RIGHT. THEN LET'S PROCEED TO ITEM NO.  
23 12. MR. ANTONOVICH.

24

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1    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WE COULD HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF  
2    PUBLIC WORKS? THIS ORCHARD [O.R.C.H.I.D.] PROJECT INITIALLY  
3    HAD STARTED IN 2011 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.  
4    THERE WAS A HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE  
5    COSTS BEING ESTIMATED TO BE \$26 MILLION. \$8 MILLION OF THOSE  
6    COSTS WERE TO BE FOR OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL. HOWEVER THE  
7    DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPING  
8    THAT ESTIMATE. AND AFTER THE FACT, THEY WENT BACK AND THEN THE  
9    DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EVALUATED THE PROJECT AND INCREASED  
10    THAT ESTIMATE TO \$64 MILLION. FROM 26 MILLION TO \$64 MILLION.  
11    AND OLIVE VIEW'S PORTION WENT FROM \$8 MILLION TO \$20 MILLION  
12    WHICH THE BOARD HAD APPROVED IN 2012. THE ITEM BEFORE THE  
13    BOARD TODAY WAS A REQUEST TO USE \$6 MILLION IN SAVINGS TO PAY  
14    FOR THE MOVING OF THE LOCATION OF A NEW GENERATOR TO AVOID A  
15    LENGTHY REVIEW BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REQUIRING ITS  
16    INITIALLY PLANNED LOCATION WHICH IS A HALF MILLION DOLLARS,  
17    ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF  
18    OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS, THE REMAINING AMOUNT OF  
19    APPROXIMATELY \$5 MILLION TO FUND WORK NOT RELATED TO THE  
20    ORCHARD PROJECT TO BE USED TO FUND NEW CIRCUITS AND  
21    CONNECTIONS TO ADDRESS EMERGENCY POWER NEEDS FOR AIR HANDLERS  
22    SERVICING CRITICAL CARE AREAS, INCLUDING OPERATING ROOMS AND  
23    RADIOLOGY. THESE NEEDS HAD BEEN KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS AND  
24    SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
25    AS A RESULT OF THEIR ROUTINE WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT. SO THE

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1 QUESTION IS: WHY WASN'T THE DEPARTMENT ON TOP OF THIS  
2 SITUATION FROM BEGINNING IN 2011 INSTEAD OF FIVE YEARS LATER  
3 NOW WE'RE COMING IN WITH THIS ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR MONEY AND  
4 THAT?

5

6 **GAIL FARBER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. GAIL FARBER, DIRECTOR OF  
7 PUBLIC WORKS. AS YOU KNOW, THU PROJECT WAS INITIALLY--  
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WAS THERE EARLIER AND WAS  
9 INITIATED AND ORIGINALLY PLANNED BY THAT DEPARTMENT. AND THEN  
10 IN 2013 WHEN THE CAP PROJECT WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD IN  
11 DECEMBER 2013, IT WAS ORIGINALLY SCOPED AS A COMBINING OF  
12 MULTIPLE I.T. DATA SYSTEMS PROJECTS. THE AIR HANDLER AND THE  
13 POWER NEEDS WAS A CODE UPGRADE, THE ONE THAT'S BEFORE YOU HERE  
14 TODAY, THAT WAS LATER REQUESTED BY D.H.S. AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
15 COME FORWARD AND TRY TO INCORPORATE IT INTO THIS PROJECT AT  
16 THIS TIME. SO IT REALLY IS AN OPTION TO TAKE SAVINGS FROM THE  
17 ORIGINAL PROJECT THAT WAS, WHAT SHALL WE ACTUALLY SAY,  
18 PROGRAMMED OR ADOPTED AS A CAP PROJECT BY THE BOARD AND DID  
19 THIS ADDITIONAL WORK. WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS THAT  
20 INCREASE THE COSTS AND ALSO THE COORDINATION WITH ADDITIONAL  
21 PERMITTING THAT'S REQUIRED TO INCORPORATE THIS ADDITIONAL  
22 WORK. THE PROJECT TEAM'S BEEN AWARE OF IT FOR A LITTLE OVER A  
23 YEAR. WE'RE STUDYING VARIOUS WAYS THAT WE COULD TAKE THE  
24 OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE THIS IN THE PROJECT AND TO MINIMIZE  
25 SCOPE, IMPACTS AS WELL AS ANY SCHEDULE DELAYS AND ALSO,

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1    IMPORTANTLY, TO PROVIDE THE BEST OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR HEALTH  
2    SERVICES. AND SO WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY IS AN OPTION TO  
3    INCORPORATE THIS WORK, ADDITIONAL WORK, ADDITIONAL SCOPE  
4    WITHOUT INVOLVING THE CORPS, WITHOUT FURTHER EXTENSIVE DELAYS.  
5    SO IT REALLY IS AN OPTION FOR THE BOARD THAT-- NOT TO INCLUDE  
6    IT AND TO USE THOSE COST SAVINGS ELSEWHERE.

7

8    **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHY WASN'T THE DEPARTMENT PROACTIVELY  
9    INVOLVED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THEIR  
10    INITIAL ASSESSMENTS AND PLANNING FOR THE PROJECT UNTIL THEY  
11    WERE ASKED? I MEAN BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A \$38 MILLION  
12    INCREASE.

13

14    **GAIL FARBER:** THIS PROJECT GOES WAY BACK AS YOU KNOW, AS  
15    MULTIPLE PROJECTS AS I.T. PROJECTS, SO IT REALLY WAS INITIALLY  
16    SCOPED AND BROUGHT FORWARD FROM AN I.T. PERSPECTIVE. AND AT  
17    THAT TIME WHEN IT WAS DECIDED TO SCOPE IT MORE OF AN  
18    INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IS WHEN WE CAME FORWARD TO THE BOARD TO  
19    CREATE THE CAPITAL PROJECT AND THAT'S WHEN WE DID BECOME  
20    INVOLVED AND ENGAGED AND DOING OUR ANALYSIS AS TO WHAT TYPE OF  
21    INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE REQUIRED AND WHAT THE NEW COST  
22    ESTIMATE IT WOULD BE.

23



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1   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WERE YOU BE AWARE THAT THERE WOULD BE  
2   SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORCHARD  
3   [O.R.C.H.I.D.] PROJECT?  
4

5   **GAIL FARBER:** YES, SIR, WE WERE.  
6

7   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHY WASN'T THE DEPARTMENT, THEN,  
8   ACTIVELY WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN  
9   DEVELOPING THE PROJECT INITIALLY? AND WHY DID THE DEPARTMENT  
10   OF PUBLIC WORKS ADDRESS THE AIR HANDLER-- WHY THEY DIDN'T  
11   ADDRESS THE AIR HANDLER EMERGENCY POWER NEEDS THAT HAD BEEN A  
12   POTENTIAL CLINICAL CARE PROBLEM FOR A TIME, MANY YEARS?  
13

14   **GAIL FARBER:** SUPERVISOR, WHEN THE PROJECT WAS ORIGINALLY  
15   SCOPED OR WHEN IT CAME TO PUBLIC WORKS, THESE PROJECTS WERE  
16   SCOPED TO COMBINE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, THE DATA SYSTEM  
17   INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TOGETHER INTO ONE LARGE PROJECT. AND  
18   THAT'S WHEN WE WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE HEALTH  
19   DEPARTMENT TO SCOPE OUT THE PROJECT. AT THAT TIME IT WAS  
20   SCOPED AS A DATA SYSTEM PROJECT. THE ADDITIONAL GENERATOR AND  
21   THE POWER NEEDS WAS NOT-- THAT WAS AN UPGRADE PER CODE THAT  
22   WAS INTRODUCED LATER.  
23

24   **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HOW LONG ARE HAVE YOU KNOWN THE  
25   INITIAL GENERATOR LOCATION WOULD REQUIRE THE REVIEW AND

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1 APPROVAL OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS WHICH WOULD CAUSE A  
2 SIGNIFICANT DELAY?

3

4 **GAIL FARBER:** WHEN THE PROJECT TEAM WAS A LITTLE OVER A YEAR  
5 AGO, THAT'S WHEN WE MENTIONED. D.H.S. BROUGHT THIS FORWARD AS  
6 AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCORPORATE IT INTO THE PROJECT WITH THIS  
7 COST SAVINGS AND THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE NEED TO TRY AND  
8 COMBINE IT. SO THAT'S WHY WE WORKED WITH THEM FOR ABOUT OVER A  
9 YEAR NOW IN ANALYZING DIFFERENT DESIGN ALTERNATIVES AND  
10 OPTIONS TO INCORPORATE THAT ADDITIONAL SCOPE.

11

12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHY WASN'T THE NEW LOCATION, WHICH  
13 DOES NOT REQUIRE THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS' APPROVAL, IDENTIFIED  
14 IN THE PLANNING PHASE OF THIS PROJECT?

15

16 **GAIL FARBER:** AGAIN, THE PLANNING PHASE WAS MUCH EARLIER, WAY  
17 BACK, PRIOR TO 2013. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
18 SERVICES, BUT I THINK IT WAS AGAIN AN OPPORTUNITY LATER IN THE  
19 DESIGN OF THIS PROJECT TO TRY AND REALIZE-- TAKE SOME OF THE  
20 COST SAVINGS AND INCORPORATED SOME OF THEIR OPERATIONAL NEEDS  
21 INTO THE SCOPE OF THIS WORK.

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A \$38 MILLION  
24 INCREASE. THE ORIGINAL PROJECT WAS 8 MILLION. AND THEN IT  
25 JUMPED TO \$64 MILLION. COULD WE ASK OUR C.E.O. TO REVIEW THE

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1 POLICY AND PRACTICES OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AND REPORT BACK  
2 TO THE BOARD?

3

4 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** SURE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE A QUESTION, TOO.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** ON THIS EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, DID THIS POINT OUT  
11 ANYTHING THAT WE ARE DOING A SURVEY AT OUR OTHER FACILITIES,  
12 DO WE KNOW WHERE WE ARE IN ALL THIS, KIND OF INFRASTRUCTURE  
13 KIND OF ISSUES? I MEAN OBVIOUSLY A GENERATOR LIKE THIS IS  
14 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. THIS IS NOT A LIGHT BULB OR SOMETHING  
15 MISSING. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR. SO DID THIS FORCE US  
16 OR IS THIS FORCING US TO LOOK AT OUR OTHER FACILITIES TO SEE  
17 WHAT WE MIGHT NEED OR NOT NEED? THIS IS A BIG DEAL TO ME.

18

19 **GAIL FARBER:** CERTAINLY. IT'S A FACILITIES NEEDS QUESTION. AND  
20 I KNOW THAT THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING ON THEIR  
21 FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT.

22

23 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR, WE COULD TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND WE  
24 COULD REPORT BACK AS PART OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S REQUEST.

25

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT I THINK IT THEN COMES BACK TO DISPOSE  
2    OF THIS AS A MATTER THAT'S BEING AMENDED RATHER THAN AS IT  
3    CAME FORWARD. THE QUESTION THAT WAS POSED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE  
4    SEEMS TO ME TO BE THAT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT FROM AN  
5    INFRASTRUCTURE PERSPECTIVE, FACILITIES PERSPECTIVE, AS WELL.  
6    AND WHO IS ON FIRST BASE WITH RESPECT TO THESE RESPECTIVE  
7    FACILITIES? IS IT NOT PUBLIC WORKS? AND IF SO, SHOULD NOT  
8    PUBLIC WORKS BE TASKED WITH DOING THE DIAGNOSTIC TASK OF  
9    BRINGING BACK TO THE BOARD, TO THE BOARD'S COMFORT, THAT IT IS  
10   PROPERLY COVERED IN TERMS OF THESE EMERGENCY KIND OF  
11   SITUATIONS, BACKUP GENERATORS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, TO WHICH  
12   SUPERVISOR KNABE MAKES REFERENCE? THE MORE FUNDAMENTAL  
13   QUESTION THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SEEKS TO GET CLARITY ON  
14   SEEMS TO ME TO BE ONE THAT PUBLIC WORKS WILL HAVE TO FIGURE  
15   OUT WHETHER IT CAN OR SHOULD GET ITS ARMS AROUND THE WAY IN  
16   WHICH THESE PROJECTS ARE SCOPED IN THE INITIAL CASE. IT SEEMS  
17   TO BE SOMETHING LACKING THERE. AND PERHAPS IT IS THE ROLE OF  
18   THE C.E.O. TO BE INVOLVED IN PULLING A LOT OF THIS TOGETHER  
19   FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOARD. WOULD THAT LETTER THEN COME BACK  
20   TO THE BOARD? OR WAS THERE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE THAT  
21   IS THE ITEM BEFORE US PERTAINING TO OLIVE VIEW. WE WILL MOVE  
22   FORWARD, BUT THE BALANCE OF THE REPORT NEEDS TO REFLECT THE  
23   CONCERNS RAISED BY ANTONOVICH, KNABE AND RIDLEY-THOMAS  
24   PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS OF THE C.E.O. ALL RIGHT? ANY FURTHER

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1 DISCUSSION CONCERNING THIS REGARD? SUPERVISOR KUEHL? THAT WILL  
2 BE THE ORDER AS AMENDED.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN WE STILL HAVE TWO REPORT BACKS. "IN  
5 JANUARY 2016, THE GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN AND PRESIDENT OBAMA  
6 DECLARED A HIGH LEVEL OF LEAD IN THE CITY OF FLINT, MICHIGAN'S  
7 DRINKING WATER AS A STATE AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY. THE HIGH  
8 CONCENTRATION OF LEAD IN THE BLOODSTREAM ESPECIALLY IN  
9 CHILDREN IS TOXIC AND CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS HEALTH EFFECTS. I  
10 WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF  
11 PUBLIC WORKS IN CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
12 AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER WATER SUPPLIERS IN  
13 THE COUNTY TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 60 DAYS ON THE  
14 ACTIONS BEING TAKEN BY WATER AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING  
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT, TO ENSURE THAT THE  
16 PUBLIC AND THE WATERWORKS DISTRICT CUSTOMERS ARE NOT AT ANY  
17 RISK FROM LEAD CONTAMINATION IN THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY."  
18 THAT'S A REPORT BACK, MR. CHAIRMAN.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. REPORT BACK. SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE SECOND ONE, I SENT THIS EMAIL TO  
23 ALL THE MEMBERS. "IN 2014, A NETHERLANDS DELFT UNIVERSITY OF  
24 TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCED THAT A GRADUATE STUDENT HAD DEVELOPED A  
25 PROTOTYPE DRONE THAT DEVELOPS A DEFIBRILLATOR TO A HEART

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1 ATTACK VICTIM. TO ADDRESS THE REALITY THAT THE VICTIM'S CHANCE  
2 OF SURVIVAL DECREASES DRAMATICALLY WITH EACH PASSING MINUTE,  
3 THE AMBULANCE DRONE, WHICH WAS GUIDED BY G.P.S. TO A MOBILE  
4 PHONE STATION WITHIN A 4.6 SQUARE MILES IN UNDER A MINUTE.  
5 ONCE THERE, THE DRONE USES LIVE STREAMING AUDIO AND VIDEO TO  
6 ALLOW EMERGENCY PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO  
7 USE THE DEFIBRILLATOR CORRECTLY AND TRANSMIT THE PATIENT'S  
8 VITAL SIGNS. WIDESPREAD ADOPTION OF THIS TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE  
9 WELCOME NEWS IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE HEART DISEASE IS THE  
10 NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH FOR MEN AND WOMEN, ABOUT 1 IN 4,  
11 CLAIMING AN ESTIMATED 600,000 LIVES EACH YEAR. SO WE COULD  
12 DIRECT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCIES AND THE COUNTY  
13 FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS ON  
14 THE STATUS OF THIS TECHNOLOGY AND HOW THIS COULD BE USED AS A  
15 COMPONENT OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM."

16  
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
18 KUEHL WISHES TO COMMENT ON BOTH OF YOUR READ-INS, MR.  
19 ANTONOVICH.

20  
21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YES, I'M SORRY. WE CLOSED DISCUSSION ON THE  
22 FIRST ONE ABOUT WATER BEFORE IT HAD ACTUALLY LANDED ON MY  
23 DESK. SO I'D LIKE, IF WE COULD, I'D LIKE RECONSIDERATION?

24  
25 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SURE. SO MOVED.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT WE'RE SENSITIVE  
5 ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FLINT, BUT I THINK TO ASK FOR A  
6 REPORT BACK JUST ABOUT LEAD ACTUALLY MAY NOT SERVE AS BROAD A  
7 PURPOSE AS WE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT, BECAUSE THERE ARE A  
8 NUMBER OF ELEMENTS BEING MEASURED IN THE WATER SUPPLY. SO I  
9 THINK THAT IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR, I THINK IT WOULD HELP US TO  
10 KNOW WHAT WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING AT AND MEASURING IN THE WATER  
11 SUPPLY, IN ALL THE WATER AGENCIES, AS YOU INDICATED IN YOUR  
12 MOTION,. BUT TO ONLY LOOK AT WHETHER WE'RE AT RISK FOR LEAD  
13 CONTAMINATION, I THINK, IS TOO NARROW.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO PERHAPS WE COULD ASK THEM TO TELL US  
18 WHAT THEY ARE MEASURING FOR AND LOOKING AT THAT ARE  
19 CONTAMINANTS? AND IF LEAD IS ONE OF THEM, OBVIOUSLY, TO  
20 INCLUDE IT AND IF NOT WHY NOT? IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT? OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED, THIS WILL COME BACK TO US AT  
23 OUR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. AND THIS IS TO TAKE THE  
24 FORM OF THE REPORT BACK. SO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE



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1 APPROPRIATE STAFF IS TO BE INFORMED BY THE INTERVENTION OF  
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AS TO THE MOTION CONCERNING THE DRONE, I  
5 CONFESS THAT OBVIOUSLY I'M NOT THE MOST EXPERT PERSON IN THIS  
6 AREA, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF CONCERNS ABOUT  
7 DRONES INTERFERING WITH AIRPORT AND AIRPLANE OPERATIONS. AND  
8 I'M CONCERNED THAT IF WE INSTRUCT JUST EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND  
9 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ABOUT WHETHER THE TECHNOLOGY IS  
10 GOOD AND HOW IT MIGHT BE USED, THAT DOESN'T EXACTLY COVER THE  
11 ISSUE OF THE DRONE PROBLEM THAT MIGHT BE CREATED. NO. IT SAYS  
12 THE STATUS OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND HOW THE TECHNOLOGY COULD BE  
13 USED AS A COMPONENT OF E.M.S.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE SAFETY OF THE USE.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SOME ANALYSIS OF THE SAFETY ISSUES RAISED  
18 BY THE USE OF DRONES IN THE COUNTY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ACCEPTED. AGAIN, REPORT BACK.

25

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1     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

2

3     **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS?

4     MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHAT IS BEFORE US?

5

6     **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IT WOULD BE

7     APPROPRIATE TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

8

9     **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE NOW AT THE POINT THAT

10    WELL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT. THOSE WISHING TO BE HEARD, WE'LL

11    CALL UPON YOU. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE NOTE THAT THERE ARE A

12    NUMBER OF PEOPLE WISHING TO BE HEARD. WE BEGIN WITH JOSE

13    MARTINEZ BY TONI MOSLEY, ARNOLD SACHS, VEE KOUSAYAN. ERIC

14    PREVEN, KIM MCGILL. ARLES BENAVIDES. DIANE DEVON WILLIAMS,

15    RUTH SARNOFF. BRIAN BARAJAS. WAYNE SPINDLER. PRENTISS JENKINS.

16    AND YVONNE AUTRY. IF I CALLED YOUR NAME, PLEASE POSITION

17    YOURSELF TO BE HEARD. WE CAN TAKE FOUR PERSONS AT A TIME HERE.

18    ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR TESTIMONY, PLEASE RELINQUISH YOUR

19    SEAT, AND THEREFORE THE NEXT PERSON CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. WE'LL

20    BEGIN WITH YOU, MA'AM, THANK YOU. YOUR NAME. MA'AM?

21

22    **TONI MOSLEY:** TONI MOSLEY, SORRY. I'VE WANTED TO ADDRESS OLIVE

23    VIEW MEDICAL CENTER. MY SON WENT TO OLIVE VIEW FOR A C.T.E.

24    FINDING, WHICH WAS NEGATIVE. BUT A NEUROLOGICAL EVALUATION WAS

25    OFFERED BY OLIVE VIEW. WHEN HE RETURNED FOR THE EVALUATION, HE

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1 WAS INSTEAD GIVEN A DIAGNOSIS OF IRRITABILITY AND ANGER,  
2 SOMETHING I EXPERIENCE ON THE 57/60 TRANSITION ON THE FREEWAY  
3 EVERY DAY. SO A REFERRAL FOR MENTAL HEALTH WAS GIVEN TO HIM.  
4 WE RETURN, REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF TOURETTE'S SYNDROME THAT  
5 WAS ORIGINALLY DIAGNOSED FOR MY SON IN HIS TEEN YEARS. INSTEAD  
6 A 20/20 VISION EVALUATION WAS GIVEN TO MY SON. HE WAS REFERRED  
7 TO A DIFFERENT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY THAT HAS NO RECORD OF  
8 THAT REFERRAL. I WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE NEUROLOGICAL  
9 EVALUATION IS DONE FOR HIM. MY SON GRADUATED FROM A MAJOR  
10 UNIVERSITY AFTER PLAYING FOOTBALL ALL HIS LIFE AT THE AGE OF  
11 22. HE HAS NOT HAD GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT SINCE GRADUATION. I  
12 BESEECH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO PUT IT IN THE "STAR WARS"  
13 VERNACULAR, HELP US. YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
16 THE NEXT SPEAKER.

17

18 **VEE KOUSAYAN:** I WANTED TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH. I THINK YOU  
19 GUYS, I DON'T UNDERSTAND LIKE WHAT THIS WHOLE DEPARTMENT 95.  
20 IT IS A HOLE IN THE WALL COURTHOUSE, RIGHT? I WAS FORCED TO BE  
21 GIVEN INJECTIONS. THE SHERIFFS HELD ME DOWN WHILE I WAS IN  
22 JONES AND THEY FORCED HALDOL INJECTIONS DOWN ME FOR THE FIRST  
23 TIME, WHICH GAVE ME EXTREME ANXIETY BECAUSE A JUDGE IN THE  
24 DEPARTMENT 95 ORDERED IT. YOU GUYS ARE A JOKE. THAT GIRL YOU  
25 GUYS USED TO HAVE ON T.V. IN LANCASTER THAT YOU GUYS USED TO

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1 SEE COMMENT, SHE'S STUCK IN LYNWOOD RIGHT NOW, JUST STUCK.  
2 WHEN YOU WEAR YELLOW, YOU CAN'T GET BAILED OUT. THERE'S NO  
3 BAIL. SO YOU CAN'T GET BAILED OUT. YOU'RE JUST STUCK IN A TINY  
4 CELL, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? I WAS THERE UNDER MY COUSIN'S  
5 NAME, SO I COULDN'T EVEN GET COMMISSARY. NO ONE WAS ABLE TO  
6 FIND ME. NO ONE KNEW WHERE I WAS AT. I WASN'T THERE UNDER MY  
7 LAST NAME. ME AND MY COUSIN HAVE THE SAME CORRECT SAME  
8 SPELLING OF OUR FIRST NAMES BUT THE LAST NAMES ARE  
9 DIFFERENTLY. UNDER THE SHERIFF'S WEBSITE, I'M UNDER MY  
10 COUSIN'S NAME. HOW ARE MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUPPOSED TO FIND  
11 ME? I OWN TWO PROPERTIES. YOU GUYS HAD ME IN A CONSERVATORSHIP  
12 KIND OF HOLD. NO ONE PAID MY TAXES FOR ME. MY HOUSE IN SAUGUS  
13 ALMOST FORECLOSED. MY LOAN FROM BANK OF AMERICA TRANSFERRED  
14 OVER TO CETERAS, LIKE A DIFFERENT LOAN COMPANY. I DON'T  
15 UNDERSTAND HOW YOU GUYS CAN JUST SEND RANDOM PEOPLE YOU GUYS  
16 WANT WHO LIKE-- JUST TO MAKE THIS DEPARTMENT 95 COURTHOUSE.  
17 THE JUDGE FINDS YOU INCOMPETENT AND THEN JUST YOU STAY IN THIS  
18 PLACE FOR MONTHS UNTIL A PSYCHIATRIST TALKS TO YOU, YOU KNOW?  
19 I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THIS GOES. I MEAN THERE'S HUNDREDS OF  
20 PEOPLE IN LYNWOOD AND IN THE COUNTY JAIL, AND NO ONE COULD GET  
21 BAILED OUT. AND THIS IS CONSIDERED MENTAL HEALTH. SO I WAS IN  
22 A GATEWAY PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE TO FIND ME SHELTER, WHEN  
23 I OWN TWO PROPERTIES AND ONE IN BURBANK A RENTAL, A TRIPLEX IN  
24 BURBANK AND A HOUSE IN SAUGUS. SO I MEAN, SOMETHING NEEDS TO  
25 CHANGE. THERE'S THE WOMAN SITTING HERE IN A TINY CELL EATING

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1 BALONEY SANDWICHES AND PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES EVERY SINGLE  
2 DAY FOR MONTHS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR? WE'RE  
5 GOING ASK THE ADDITIONAL PERSONS WHOSE NAMES THAT I'VE CALLED  
6 TWO MORE OF YOU COME UP RATHER IMMEDIATELY SO WE CAN HEAR YOUR  
7 TESTIMONY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD MAKE SURE THAT THEY  
8 COME FORWARD? THE NEXT TWO? PROCEED.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN, RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD  
11 DISTRICT. I AN COULD ALMOST SPEAK TO THAT WOMAN INVOLVING THAT  
12 EXPERIENCE INVOLVING L.A.S.D. I KNOW THAT THE BOARD IS ALWAYS  
13 LOOKING CLOSELY AT REPORTS THAT COME FORWARD BY MEMBERS OF THE  
14 PUBLIC ABOUT CONDUCT. REGRETTABLY IN THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION  
15 ON JAIL VIOLENCE, ONE OF THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT REPORTS  
16 WAS, LET'S MAKE SURE WE HAVE A VIABLE COMPLAINT SYSTEM. OF  
17 COURSE, THE MOST IMPORTANT REPORT WAS, LET'S MAKE SURE WE HAVE  
18 A FUNCTIONAL USE OF FORCE MANUAL WHICH I'LL GET TO IN A  
19 MINUTE. BUT THE COMPLAINT SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN INSTALLED BY  
20 MR. DROOYAN AND THE TEAM ON THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION AND  
21 OTHERS WHO HELPED IMPLEMENT THAT IS NOT READY YET. THE IPAD  
22 COMPLAINT SYSTEM WILL BE COMING FORWARD I BELIEVE IT'S  
23 SOMETHING LIKE DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR WHICH IS AN ABJECT  
24 EMBARRASSMENT AND HUMILIATING DETAIL THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED  
25 IMMEDIATELY, OBVIOUSLY. BECAUSE THOSE KINDS OF ISSUES THAT THE

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1 WOMAN TO MY LEFT A MOMENT AGO JUST DESCRIBED ARE THE KINDS OF  
2 THINGS THAT CAN BE PROPERLY, YOU KNOW, DEALT WITH BY THE  
3 APPROPRIATE MONITORING AGENCIES IF THEY ARE EVER HEARD. BUT  
4 WHEN WE HAVE A PENDENCY ON THAT KIND OF AN ITEM, IT JUST  
5 REALLY UPSETS ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO JUST EXPECT  
6 THAT WE WILL TAKE HEED WHEN THESE THINGS COME FORWARD. SO THE  
7 FINAL 40 SECONDS ARE SIMPLY A FOLLOW UP. I RAISED AN ISSUE  
8 WHICH IS THAT THE USE OF FORCE MANUAL SAYS IT'S OKAY TO SPARK  
9 A TASER TO GET COMPLIANCE. NOW, THAT'S CRACKING A WHIP. IT'S  
10 NOT-- AND MR. JENKINS IS A LITTLE BIT AMUSED. I'M NOT AMUSED,  
11 BUT IT IS A WORRISOME DETAIL. I KNOW THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME  
12 DISCUSSION ABOUT IT BUT WITH YOU NEED TO BRING FORWARD SHERIFF  
13 MCDONNELL AND HIS TEAM TO CLARIFY THAT THEY WANT TO MAKE THE  
14 USE OF FORCE MANUAL NOT A 111-PAGE RAMBLER WITH MULTIPLE  
15 ENTRIES ON THE SAME SUBJECT THAT WOULD CONFUSE A YOUNG DEPUTY,  
16 BUT IN FACT WHAT THE DEPUTIES AND THE RESIDENTS WANT, WHICH IS  
17 CLARITY. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS I DO NOT HAVE TO REMIND YOU THAT IT  
18 IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FAKE CLARITY. SO THANK YOU, SIR, FOR YOUR  
19 INTEREST IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND HAVE A NICE DAY.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
24 I'M GOING TO DISCUSS AGAIN THE COUNTY'S MOVEMENT ON THE  
25 HOMELESS ISSUE. AGAIN BRING UP THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE THE

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1 STORY FROM THE L.A. TIMES-- AND ACTUALLY PIGGYBACKS ON ONE OF  
2 THE PRESENTATIONS TODAY. THE YEAR IS 2003, THE MAYOR WAS JAMES  
3 HAHN, AND THE PLAN DEVELOPED CALLED BRING L.A. HOME WENT  
4 NOWHERE. ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE SCARED OFF BY THE \$12 BILLION  
5 PRICE TAG. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HOMELESS PEOPLE? WHERE DID  
6 THEY GO? BECAUSE THERE'S A STORY HERE, STEVE LOPEZ FROM  
7 JANUARY 20, 2016, MOURNING A HOMELESS MAN OF GREAT HUMANITY.  
8 AND YOU WONDER, THAT'S GREAT, ALL THESE INDIVIDUAL  
9 VINAIGRETTES, BECAUSE YOU HAD AN AWARD FOR SANDY BANKS TODAY  
10 FOR 36 YEARS AT THE L.A. TIMES. SO THE LAST 12, 13 YEARS SINCE  
11 THIS HOMELESS PLAN FROM JAMES HAHN WAS DEVELOPED, SHE WAS  
12 WRITING FOR THE L.A. TIMES. AND YET NOBODY TALKS ABOUT THE  
13 COUNTY POLICIES AND THE CITY POLICIES. IT'S STORY AFTER STORY  
14 AFTER STORY OF A LITTLE OLD LADY WHO LIVED IN A SHOE, THINGS  
15 LIKE THAT. WHEN YOU START DISCUSSING THE POLICIES, MAYBE  
16 YOU'LL START GETTING SOME ANSWERS. SOMEBODY WRITES IN HERE  
17 GARY BLAZEY, WHO IS NOW AT THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S OPPORTUNITY  
18 UNDER LAW PROJECT, THE MONEY IS THE ONLY THING YOU CAN COUNT  
19 ON. NO, IT ISN'T. YOU CAN NEVER COUNT ON IT BECAUSE YOU'RE  
20 ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MONEY. WE DON'T HAVE MONEY, WE DON'T HAVE  
21 MONEY, WE DON'T HAVE MONEY. WE HAVE MONEY FOR JOB  
22 RECLASSIFICATION. WE DON'T HAVE MONEY FOR TO SERVE OUR  
23 PROGRAMS. AND SO THE PEOPLE THAT WRITE FOR THE TIMES SHOW YOU  
24 HOW RIDICULOUS IT IS WHEN NOBODY REALLY DISCUSSES THE POLICIES  
25 OF THE BOARD AND THE CITY OF L.A.



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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
3 THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR? YES, SIR.

4

5 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** PRENTISS JENKINS, CITI LIFE NEWSLETTER,  
6 PUBLISHER, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF  
7 EZELL FORD. THIS IS EZELL FORD. HE WAS GUNNED DOWN BY L.A.P.D.  
8 OFFICERS. HE'S WALKING DOWN THE STREET IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD  
9 MINDING HIS OWN BUSINESS. TWO COPS JUMPED OUT OF THE CAR--

10

11 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, L.A.P.D. NOT WITHIN THE  
12 JURISDICTION OF THIS BOARD.

13

14 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT, ISN'T IT? I CAN SAY  
15 WHATEVER I WANT ON PUBLIC COMMENT.

16

17 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, IT'S LIMITED TO THE ISSUES--

18

19 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** WHO IS TALKING?

20

21 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** I AM, SIR. IT IS LIMITED TO THE ISSUES  
22 WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE  
23 L.A.P.D. DOES NOT FALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

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1

2 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** OH, OKAY. SO AS I SAID, THIS MAN WAS GUNNED  
3 DOWN. GUNNED DOWN WALKING IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD. BLACK MAN CAN'T  
4 WALK IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY JUMP OUT, GUN YOU DOWN. AND  
5 THESE COPS, YOU SHOULD PUT MORE TIME ON MY CLOCK BECAUSE THE  
6 GREAT OZ, OR WHOEVER THAT WAS, I CAN'T SEE HIM BEHIND THE  
7 CURTAIN, THIS MAN WAS GUNNED DOWN. AND HE WAS WALKING IN HIS  
8 NEIGHBORHOOD. A BLACK MAN CAN'T WALK IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD,  
9 BECAUSE COPS ARE JUMPING OUT OF CARS GUNNING HIM DOWN. YOU  
10 TOOK UP MY TIME, COULD I HAVE ANOTHER 30 SECONDS, PLEASE? NO,  
11 OKAY. THAT'S THE GREAT OZ.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED.

14

15 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THANK YOU, SIR, YOUR TIME IS UP.

16

17 **PRENTISS JENKINS:** 22 SECONDS. I STILL HAVE 23 SECONDS, SIR.  
18 THIS IS MY NEWSLETTER. IT'S FOR ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS. JACKIE  
19 LACEY HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY INVISIBLE. WE WANT JACKIE LACEY TO  
20 PUT THESE COPS UP ON CHARGES FOR GUNNING THIS MAN DOWN. IF  
21 YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH BLACK FOLKS BEING GUNNED DOWN RAISE YOUR  
22 HAND.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
25 TESTIMONY. WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT PERSON. YOUR NAME?

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2 **BRIAN BARAJAS:** MY NAME IS BRIAN BARAJAS WITH THE LAROCHE  
3 P.A.C. ORGANIZATION. I WANT TO TURN THIS IN FOR THE COMMITTEE.  
4 NOW, I THINK IT WAS CLEAR FROM MY PREVIOUS COMMENTS OF WHAT  
5 THE ISSUE SHOULD BE IF PEOPLE WISH TO SURVIVE, A FUNDAMENTAL  
6 ISSUE. HOW DO WE RECOVER FROM THIS DISASTROUS PHENOMENON OF  
7 EXISTENTIALISM? IN OTHER WORDS, YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE  
8 WAY YOU'RE MANAGING YOUR CITY, BUT YET AT THE SAME TIME, YOU  
9 DON'T EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A UNITED STATES.  
10 NOW, THE OTHER SIDE IS FOR THE WORLD TO SEE IS BASICALLY WHAT  
11 I KEEP BRINGING UP, IF YOU WANT WORLD DEVELOPMENT, YOU GO TO  
12 LAROCHE P.A.C. THE CHINESE HAVE CONVERTED THIS 370-PAGE  
13 REPORT FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT WHICH INCLUDES HIGH- SPEED RAIL  
14 AND HOW TO FUND FUSION ENERGY, IF YOU REALLY WISH TO RECOVER.  
15 FIRST, PEOPLE HAVE TO RECOVER THE FACT THAT THEY LOST THEIR  
16 HEADS MAINLY BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY EDUCATION. AND I DO  
17 MEAN AN EDUCATION WHICH BASES ITSELF ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
18 MANKIND, WHICH MEANS IN OUR ORGANIZATION, THAT MEANS PUSHING  
19 FOR A RENAISSANCE, SOMETHING THAT PRETTY MUCH IS IN LINE WITH  
20 THE PHILOSOPHY OF SOCRATES, OF BEETHOVEN AND ALSO THE REALM OF  
21 HOW DO WE GET THIS COUNTRY BACK, IN THE SENSE THAT ONLY GOD  
22 CAN ACTUALLY SAVE YOU? IT'S A VERY DEEP UNDERSTANDING BUT I  
23 KNOW IT, AND IT'S THE ONLY WAY OUT.

24

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL

2    PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

3

4    **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. TALK ABOUT YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL AT THE

5    L.A.P.D. AND WHAT IT DOES IS NOT SUBJECT TO YOUR JURISDICTION

6    AT ALL? WELL I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT WHEN THEY COMMIT A FELONY,

7    YOU HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER IT AT ALL. AND THAT'S GOOD. AND

8    I APPRECIATE YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL CLARIFYING THAT BECAUSE WE

9    CAN JUST STEP RIGHT TO THE F.B.I. SO WHENEVER YOU HAVE A

10   PROBLEM WITH L.A.P.D., YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO JACKIE LACEY

11   BECAUSE THE COUNTY AND JACKIE LACEY CAN'T HELP YOU. YOU HAVE

12   TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. GO TO THE F.B.I. AND

13   THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO BECAUSE SHE JUST CLARIFIED THAT

14   THERE'S A FELONY COMMITTED, THIS BOARD DOES NOT HAVE

15   JURISDICTION TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SO THE L.A.P.D. CAN

16   COMMIT STATE FELONIES AND YOU HAVE NO JURISDICTION AT IT

17   WHATSOEVER. AND I APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE YOU ARE FINALLY

18   STARTING TO BE TRANSPARENT AT THESE MEETINGS. YOUR COUNTY

19   COUNSEL FOR THE METRO BOARD CALLED ME UP AND TOLD ME, RIDLEY-

20   THOMAS, YOU COULD NOT GIVE ME A 60-DAY TIMEOUT. HE LEFT A

21   VOICE MAIL. DID YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T GIVE THEM MY NUMBER. THEY

22   HAD TO GO AND DIG IT UP AND FIND IT. ISN'T THAT NICE? JESUS,

23   THANK YOU. BUT WE'RE BECOMING MORE TRANSPARENT. OVER AT THE

24   GRAND JURY RIGHT NOW THEY'RE LOOKING INTO ELECTION FRAUD AND

25   CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FRAUD OVER THERE AT CITY HALL IN L.A. BUT

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1 AGAIN JACKIE LACEY HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER THAT, EITHER,  
2 BECAUSE L.A. CITY IS IMMUNE FROM THIS BOARD'S JURISDICTION.  
3 LIKE OVER AT PORTER RANCH. MIKE ANTONOVICH IS STEPPING IN THE  
4 MIDDLE OF IT. BUT AGAIN IN REALITY HE REALLY HAD NOTHING TO DO  
5 WITH IT. SO YOU'VE GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT NOW. WE CAN JUST SKIP  
6 THROUGH ALL THE CRAP. WE DON'T NEED JACKIE LACEY ANYMORE.  
7 UNFORTUNATELY LORETTA LYNCH HAS TO TAKE JURISDICTION OVER THE  
8 CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE 3.1 MILLION PEOPLE WHO  
9 UNFORTUNATELY LIVE THERE TO HAVE ANY FORM OF POLITICAL OR  
10 LEGAL REFORM.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **ARLES BENAVIDES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM  
15 ARLES BENAVIDES WITH S.P.I.R.I.T.T. FAMILY SERVICES AND WE ARE  
16 A 90605. WE'RE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND WE HAVE A GRANT  
17 FROM L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
18 PREVENTION AND CONTROL, TO DO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION. SO  
19 AS PART OF THAT PROGRAM, WE'RE ALSO INVOLVED WITH A WORKGROUP  
20 CALLED REDUCING ACCESS TO MARIJUANA, I'M SORRY, RETHINKING  
21 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA. AND ALSO WE'RE WORKING ON UNDERAGE  
22 DRINKING PREVENTION. BUT I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT ITEM 7  
23 ON THE AGENDA. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. ANTONOVICH FOR  
24 TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH IS THE MARIJUANA  
25 CULTIVATION. AND IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHAT WE SEE IS THAT THERE'S

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1 BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE USE OF MARIJUANA BY YOUTH. AND THEIR  
2 ATTITUDES ARE CHANGING. THEY SEEM TO THINK THAT MARIJUANA IS  
3 HARMLESS OR MARIJUANA IS OKAY BECAUSE THEY KEEP HEARING ALL  
4 THESE MESSAGES THAT KEEP STEERING THEM TOWARD YOUTHS. SO IT'S  
5 VERY IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF MARIJUANA IN OUR  
6 COMMUNITIES. UNDERAGE DRINKING ALSO IS A CLOSE SECOND IN  
7 WHITTIER. 74 PERCENT OF OUR YOUTH SAID THAT IT WAS EASY TO GET  
8 MARIJUANA. THAT'S 3 OUT OF 4. THAT'S PRETTY HIGH. SO THAT'S A  
9 CONCERN FOR US. SO WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THE REDUCTION OF  
10 MARIJUANA AVAILABILITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO LOOK AT  
11 REMOVING DISPENSARIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. REDUCING THE ACCESS.  
12 AND ALSO CULTIVATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS. NOT ONLY  
13 OUTDOOR CULTIVATION, BUT INDOOR CULTIVATION, AS WELL. BECAUSE  
14 WE HAVE A LOT OF FAMILIES THAT ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR  
15 CHILDREN AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT THESE ISSUES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE  
18 THE NEXT SPEAKER. MY ASSUMPTION IS THAT THIS IS THE LAST  
19 SPEAKER TO COME BEFORE US? ONE MORE? THANK YOU. PLEASE COME  
20 FORWARD. AND WE WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE WITNESS FROM LANCASTER.  
21 MISS SARNOFF, PLEASE?

22

23 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I HAD HOPED WE WOULD DEAL WITH R-2 TODAY. I JUST  
24 WANT TO SAY BRIEFLY THAT I HOPE YOU ALL CAREFULLY READ THE  
25 ARTICLE IN THE CALIFORNIA SECTION THIS MORNING. I THINK AS A

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1 GENERAL OBSERVATION SINCE THERE'S NO TIME TO GO INTO A LOT OF  
2 SPECIFICS, I THINK THAT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE PRIVATIZED OUR  
3 PRISONS ON MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS, CITY, COUNTY, STATE,  
4 FEDERAL, THAT IT HAS BEEN A VERY, VERY UNPRODUCTIVE, UNWISE  
5 MOVE. YOU LOSE A LOT OF YOUR BASIC CONTROL OF THE SITUATION  
6 WHEN YOU DO THAT AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LEFT TO FALL BACK  
7 ON SO YOU'RE KIND OF LEFT-- WELL, WE KIND OF HAVE TO TAKE  
8 WHATEVER'S OUT THERE THAT'S BIG ENOUGH TO FIT THE BILL. I  
9 THINK THIS PROBATION ISSUE AS THEY COME OUT, THERE'S A LOT  
10 THAT COULD BE DONE IN THE PRISON, BEFORE PEOPLE COME OUT TO  
11 MAKE SURE THAT NUMBER ONE, THEY ARE SIGNED UP FOR GENERAL  
12 RELIEF IF THEY'RE SINGLE AND HAVE NO OTHER INCOME, THAT  
13 THERE'S SOME CASH, AND SOME SENSE OF WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO GO  
14 WHEN THEY WALK OUT THAT DOOR. AND UNLESS THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT  
15 YOU REALLY TRUST THAT ARE DOING THE OVERSIGHT, I DON'T THINK  
16 IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY HEALTHY SITUATION. BECAUSE I HAVE  
17 ENOUGH FILES ON THE SHERIFFS, THE JAILS, AND I FOLLOW THE L.A.  
18 TIMES, ALL THREE SECTIONS, EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR THE LAST TWO  
19 YEARS. IT'S NOT EASY. BUT TOO MANY DECISIONS ARE MADE JUST  
20 LOOKING AT ONE ISSUE OR ONE LITTLE SET OF FACTS OR ONE  
21 PROPOSAL WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE, AND I THINK THAT  
22 WE COULD DO BETTER. AND I WOULD LOVE TO TALK WITH ANYBODY  
23 ABOUT PORTER RANCH AND SHARE THE FILE I HAVE ON PORTER RANCH,  
24 BECAUSE I HAVE A LOT.

25



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. INDEED. NEXT  
2    SPEAKER NAME AND THEN THE FINAL SPEAKER WILL BE JASON ZINC.  
3    MA'AM? YOUR NAME.

4

5    **YVONNE AUTRY:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY.  
6    AND 15 YEARS AGO WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS WOMAN HAPPENED TO ME. I  
7    AM SURE DON KNABE AND MICHAEL ANTONOVICH REMEMBER ME. I WAS  
8    SPEAKING ABOUT HOW MY SON HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY DETAINED AND I  
9    WAS ALSO INJECTED WITH NOT ONLY RISPERDAL [INAUDIBLE] AND  
10    HALDOL. I OBJECT AGAIN TO THE INCRIMINATION OF RELATIVELY  
11    INNOCENT MOTHERS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE TAKEN FROM THEM BECAUSE IT  
12    IS VERY MUCH A LUCRATIVE BUSINESS, INCRIMINATING THE MOTHER,  
13    SUBJUGATING THE MOTHER, BREAKING DOWN THE MOTHER, AND THEN THE  
14    CHILDREN ALSO SUFFERING THAT SEPARATION AND BREAKING THE BOND,  
15    WHICH CREATES SUCH A DEEP PSYCHOLOGICAL WOUND. SO THAT  
16    GENERATES MORE REVENUE AS THE CHILDREN ARE THEN SLATED FOR  
17    EITHER PRISON FODDER, ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ADDICTION,  
18    PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG ADDICTION IN THE EVENT THAT THEY ARE  
19    LABELED "SPECIAL," MEDICATED AND THAT'S A WHOLE OTHER  
20    INDUSTRY. WE'RE NOT THE SACRIFICIAL LAMBS TO BE USED IN  
21    GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACIES AND COVER UPS FOR WOMEN THAT ARE BEING  
22    EXPERIMENTED ON THAT ARE, LIKE I SAID, RELATIVELY INNOCENT.  
23    SHE WAS WALKING HER DOG. I WAS INVOLVED IN ONE BENIGN DOMESTIC  
24    DISPUTE. THE CHILD WASN'T EVEN PRESENT WHEN MY SON WAS  
25    ILLEGALLY DETAINED AND I WAS FALSELY PETITIONED IN A FALSE

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1 ALLEGATION. THIS IS A BUSINESS. AGAIN, NAZI GERMANY BEFORE THE  
2 JEWISH PEOPLE WERE EXTERMINATED, THERE WERE SIGNS. WOMEN WERE  
3 INCARCERATED. SCHOLARS WERE. PEOPLE WERE ELIMINATED, MURDERED,  
4 MUCH LIKE THE HOLOCAUST OF BLACK MEN AND WOMEN TODAY. AND THE  
5 NEO NAZIS USED FEAR CAMPAIGNS SHOWING THIS, THIS IS GOING TO  
6 HAPPEN. THEN THE INCRIMINATION AND DEMONIZATION OF THE JEWISH  
7 PEOPLE TO JUSTIFY MURDERING AND EXPERIMENTING AND TORTURING  
8 MANY. THIS IS HAPPENING HERE.. YOU PEOPLE KNOW IT'S HAPPENING.  
9 SO AGAIN, WE'RE EXPOSING THIS SO THAT WE WILL SOMEHOW STOP IT.  
10 IT'S NOT JUST BLACK LIVES MATTER, ALL LIVES MATTER. ALL LIVES.  
11 MOTHERS MATTER, WOMEN, CHILDREN.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND WE'LL  
14 NOW TURN TO THE-- [APPLAUSE.] PRESENTATION IN LANCASTER. MR.  
15 ZINC?

16

17 **JASON ZINC:** YES, JASON ZINC, LANCASTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
18 TIME, SUPERVISORS. MY NEPHEW WYATT STILL HASN'T HAD A  
19 PERMANENT CAST PUT ON. AS YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK I CAME TO YOU  
20 GUYS BECAUSE WE WENT TO A.V. HOSPITAL. THEN WE WENT TO HIGH  
21 DESERT AND THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO GIVE HIM A CAST. THEY TOLD TO  
22 US GO TO L.A. SO WE WENT TO-- WE WERE ABLE TO GET AN  
23 APPOINTMENT AT OLIVE VIEW. SO WE WENT DOWN THERE. WENT TO  
24 OLIVE VIEW. HIS LEG HAD BEEN TOO SWOLLEN TO ACTUALLY GET A  
25 CAST PUT ON SO THEY PUT A TEMPORARY CAST AND THEY GAVE HIM

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1    PRESCRIPTION AND TOLD HIM TO COME BACK IN A WEEK. WELL WE  
2    DROVE ALL THE WAY BACK UP TO LANCASTER AND THE PRESCRIPTION  
3    DIDN'T HAVE A DATE ON IT SO HE COULDN'T EVEN GET THE  
4    PAINKILLERS. YOU SEE THE BURDEN THAT THIS PUTS ON PEOPLE IN  
5    ANTELOPE VALLEY JUST FOR A SIMPLE CAST? NOT AN OPERATION, A  
6    SIMPLE CAST. WHAT WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH. IT ISN'T RIGHT. THE  
7    TRAUMA TAX, \$250 MILLION IS RAISED THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES  
8    COUNTY. ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL RECEIVES \$1 MILLION OUT OF  
9    \$250 MILLION. A.V. HAS 5 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, SO IF YOU  
10    WENT BY THAT FIGURE, WE SHOULD GET \$12.5 MILLION. A.V.  
11    PROPERTY OWNERS, IF YOU TOOK ALL THE PROPERTY OWNERS, WHAT WE  
12    RAISE IS ABOUT \$12 MILLION. A.V. HOSPITAL TREATS 12.4 PERCENT  
13    OF THE TRAUMA PATIENTS IN THE COUNTY, SO WE SHOULD RECEIVE \$31  
14    MILLION. WE ONLY RECEIVE \$1 MILLION. OUT OF \$250 MILLION. IT  
15    IS THE SECOND BUSIEST HOSPITAL IN THE COUNTY. IT IS THE 7TH  
16    BUSIEST HOSPITAL IN THE STATE. NOW WE HAD TO FILE A LAWSUIT  
17    AGAINST YOU PEOPLE THAT, AGAINST THE COUNTY. INSTEAD OF  
18    SPENDING THIS MONEY ON ATTORNEY FEES, WHY DON'T WE JUST SPEND  
19    IT ON A FULL-TIME DOCTOR IN LANCASTER THAT CAN PUT CASTS ON  
20    PEOPLE AND SO PEOPLE CAN DO SERVICES HERE AND WE CAN CONTRACT  
21    OUT WITH LOCAL DOCTORS? RAISE THE TRAUMA TAX BY A PENNY. GIVE-  
22    -PENNY A SQUARE FOOT. GIVE ANTELOPE VALLEY THEIR FAIR SHARE OF  
23    MONEY AND PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF ANTELOPE VALLEY.  
24    THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK WYATT WILL GET  
25    THAT CAST. BUT YOU GUYS ARE TALKING ABOUT, THIS COULD BE A BIG

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1 LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU GUYS. WHY SPEND THE MONEY ON ATTORNEYS?

2 SPEND IT ON THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, GUYS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR

5 TESTIMONY. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC PORTION ON OUR AGENDA.

6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A ONE-YEAR-OLD POODLE NAMED MARTIN.

9 YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610 AND MARTIN WILL GIVE YOU A LOT OF

10 LOVE. WOULD ANYBODY LIKE LITTLE MARTIN HE'S 12 WEEKS OLD

11 LOOKING FOR A HOME.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR

14 ANTONOVICH. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS TYPICALLY, SUPERVISOR

15 ANTONOVICH WOULD MAKE HIS PRESENTATION EARLIER IN THE MEETING.

16 MARTIN WAS HERE AND HE REFUSED TO BE DENIED, THEREFORE WHEN IT

17 CAME CLEAR THAT WE WERE MOVING TOWARD PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH

18 MARTIN WAS SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT THE MEETING WAS GOING TO

19 BE ADJOURNED, SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE BEGAN TO GROWL, THEREFORE

20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THOUGHT IT BEST IN THE INTEREST OF

21 SPARING THE CHAIR'S HIDE TO CAUSE MARTIN TO HAVE HIS HOUR, DAY

22 IN THE SUN. THANK YOU FOR THE RESCUE. ALL RIGHT. MADAME

23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARREST ME FROM THIS MIDRASH. THANK YOU.

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1    **ARIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
2    BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD  
3    OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM  
4    NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
5    REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT  
6    PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AND ITEM NO. C.S.-4, THE CONFERENCE  
7    WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS  
8    INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors January 26, 2016,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 29th day of January 2016, for the County records to be used  
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR

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